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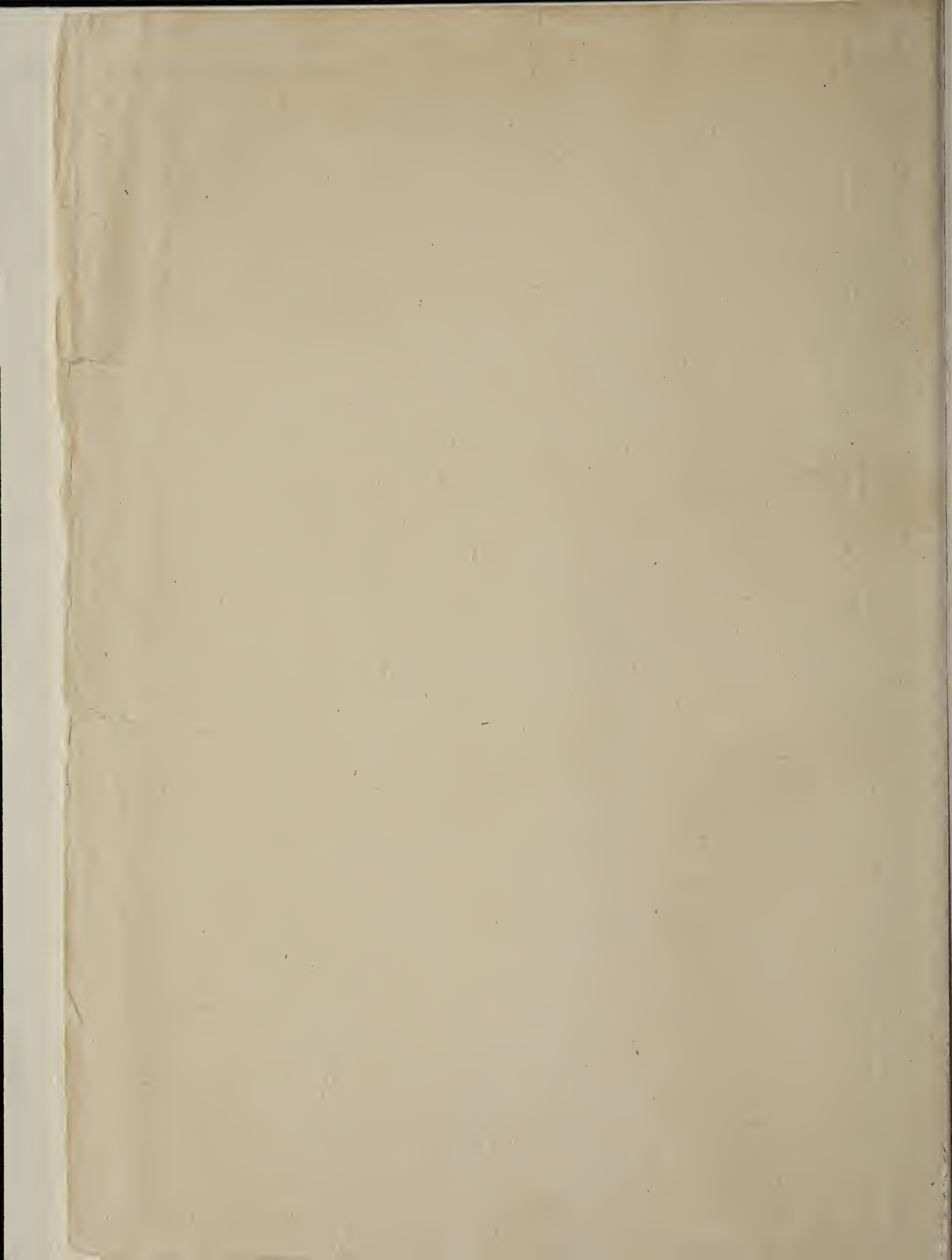


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FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT—The most influential post in international politics and government is that of the President of the United States. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in rounding out more than twelve years in this great and demanding office, became an outstanding figure in the arena of world affairs, particularly in the days of global war. Four times he had enjoyed the unique distinction of being elected to the presidency, of having our people indicate in unmistakable fashion their faith in him personally, and in the ideas and ideals for which he stood.

Of few men has so much been written, and the following brief biographical sketch cannot hope to add anything to the knowledge of his record or interpretation of his career, character and personality. It attempts only to reemphasize the story of his earlier years before being called into public life, and his identification with the old families and history of Southeastern New York. When he registered for voting at Hyde Park, it was as a "farmer" or "tree-grower," and his neighbors on both sides of the Hudson River like to think of him as a "country squire," who brought honors to them as well as to the Nation, by his years in the White House.

The ancestral background of Franklin Delano Roosevelt is essentially English, with an admixture of Swedish, Belgian, Dutch and German forebears, an ideal American inheritance that enabled him to understand peoples and history of European races and to meet their leaders on a common ground. The American progenitor of the Roosevelt family was Claes Martensen van Rosenvelt (Roosevelt), who arrived in New Amsterdam from Holland in about 1649 and married Jannetje Samuels. (Genealogists differ as to names and dates.) They died in the 1660s leaving five minor children. Their youngest child, Nicholas, was baptized in New Amsterdam, September, 1658, and when matured settled in Esopus, now Kingston, New York, where he married Heyltje Barentsen (Heylthe Jans Kunst?). By 1690 he was again a citizen of New York City, where he was elected an alderman in 1700 and also in 1715. President Roosevelt was descended from Isaac Roosevelt, born in 1726, founder and president, in 1787, of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York. The line continues through James, born in 1760, to Isaac, born in 1790, who set up the family estate at Hyde Park more than a century ago, and James, born in 1826, who died December 8, 1900. Many were successful business men and played prominent rôles in public affairs.

When past middle life, James Roosevelt married (second) Sara Delano, the daughter of Warren Delano, who had an estate on the opposite side of the Hudson River. A man of ample means, he retired from business to devote himself to his family and the care of the Hyde Park estate at Crum Hollow. Here Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born January 30, 1882. Here he spent his boyhood in an atmosphere of wealth and culture, the freedom of the out-of-doors and contact with country folk. His boyhood life in the Hudson Valley gave him an abiding respect for the common people, and he once said: "People in the country have time to think and their fathers and mothers are thinkers. No matter how many jokes may be made about the country men who sit around a stove in the village postoffice and settle the affairs of the nation, these men are not jokes. They think; they take time to think."

Mr. Roosevelt never attended the public schools, receiving his elementary education through tutors, and was prepared for college at the Groton School, in Massachusetts, where he won the Latin prize in the last of his four years. Matriculating at Harvard University, in September, 1900, he was graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was an editor of the "Harvard Crimson," a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, the St. Paul's and Political societies, the Fly, Yacht and several other aristocratic clubs, and eventually was elected permanent president of his class. Years later he was made an honorary Phi Beta Kappa. After three years further study in the law school of Columbia University, he passed the State bar examinations.

In June, 1934, President Roosevelt received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, from Yale University. His speech before the alumni, upon this occasion, made a marked impression for its emphatic statement that the use of brains in the national government was a "pretty good practice" which he intended to continue. He also lauded national planning for the better use of land and water resources, and linked the government with the great universities in the search for progress, the initiation of experiment, and the refusal to stand still.

The controversy over whether birth or environment plays the more important rôle in the life of a person still continues, but most biographers emphasize both. It probably will be generally agreed that any authentic understanding of the career of President Roosevelt must be based, in part, upon a knowledge of what the boy, youth

and man, did and was. In fact it is practically impossible to interpret the acts of Roosevelt the President without knowing something about his activities before coming to the White House. Ancestral inheritances have already been mentioned. Something of the picture of the boy reared under somewhat isolated conditions on a large family estate, has been drawn. It may be added that as a child he had plenty of time for out-of-door sports and access to a large library. Apparently books about ships and war vessels were his first and longest continued choice of collection and reading. Riding, shooting and swimming, forest lore and history, especially of the navy, were outstanding in his boyhood. These interests faded but slightly in Groton and Harvard.

His choice of a career was the law and, admitted to the bar of the State of New York in 1907, he joined the firm of Carter, Ledyard and Milburn, of New York City. After about three years as managing clerk of this group, he formed in 1910, Marvin, Hooker and Roosevelt, a firm that later was Emmet, Marvin and Roosevelt. During 1924-29 he was senior partner of Roosevelt and O'Connor. It is probable that Mr. Roosevelt felt no special call to the practice of the law; it is equally true that he was no inexperienced lawyer when he came to Washington as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and as President of the United States.

Neither was Roosevelt a neophyte in business before his elevation to the highest office within the gift of the electorate of the United States. Before he was elected Governor of New York, he was vice-president of the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland and the American Bonding Company, in charge of their New York and Eastern Division. As such he had been responsible for the underwriting on all their major surety bonds, representing risks of \$500,000,000 for the year 1927 alone. He had been active president for five years of the American Construction Council. This is an organization that coördinated the third largest industry in the United States. In two general meetings a year and through constant study and exchange of views it carried on special campaigns to improve housing conditions, to settle building disputes by arbitration, and to improve the quality of new buildings.

From 1922 Mr. Roosevelt had been president of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York. Largely through his personal efforts the Foundation in 1928 raised funds for the great eleven thousand-acre tract in Sullivan County, New York, to which will be transferred from the already crowded area at Bear Mountain, the summer camps for the more than thirty thousand scouts in all boroughs of Greater New York and vicinity. He took an active part in the planning of the new camps around the six lakes which dot the new area. In 1926 he was national chairman for the drive for \$10,000,000 with which the great Cathedral of St. John the Divine is now being completed on Cathedral Heights in New York

City. He was a trustee of Vassar College, and of the Fifth Avenue Hospital and Seamen's Institute. As a member of the executive committee of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, he helped raise its endowment fund and remained active as one of the Foundation's trustees. In 1926 also, he was chairman of the New York drive for the American Legion fund. In connection with this last-named organization, he was a member of the Poughkeepsie Post of the American Legion. This membership was not because Mr. Roosevelt was Assistant Secretary of the Navy throughout the First World War, but because, despite his official position, he was many times under fire both afloat and ashore.

What threatened to be a major disaster to this remarkably energetic and capable man occurred in August, 1921, when he was stricken with infantile paralysis at his summer home at Campo Bello, New Brunswick. Although his life was despaired of, he not only recovered, but took his place again in the world of private and governmental affairs and climbed to greater heights. The healing waters of Warm Springs, Georgia, proved beneficial and he established and long fostered the Warm Springs Foundation, which makes possible the treatment of afflicted persons who are without means.

Election to the Upper House of the New York State Legislature in 1910, on the Democratic ticket, marked the beginning of Mr. Roosevelt's political career. For twenty-eight years his State's senatorial district in Dutchess County had sent a Republican to Albany. His winning of the office by a handsome majority was probably as much a surprise to himself as to others. He went to the capital city almost unknown and won a name and a reputation overnight. In this session of the Legislature he was the leading spirit in an insurgent movement against the Democratic organization which had scheduled the election of William F. Sheehan to the United States Senate. These were the days when senators were elected by the Legislature, and Roosevelt consolidated his leadership by forcing through the choice of a compromise candidate, James A. O'Gorman, and brought to the national attention the independent Democrat, Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was returned to the Senate two years later. He was also a delegate from his party that same year to the Democratic National Convention that nominated President Woodrow Wilson for President. Shortly after his inauguration, Mr. Wilson offered Mr. Roosevelt the choice of positions as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury or Collector of the Port of New York, both of which he declined. Later he accepted the post of Assistant Secretary of the Navy, resigning from the New York Assembly to accept it. He served throughout the eight years of the Wilson administration and, due to the entrance of the United States into World War I, Mr. Roosevelt found his work far from the sinecure which this office normally is in times of peace.

When he was first made Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1913 his main duty became the reorganization of the business system of the service, its navy yards, shore stations and supplies. His task was carried out so smoothly that few observers noticed it at the time. But when the stress of war was imposed upon the navy's organization four years later the results began to appear. The navy expanded to meet the new demand by the development of a new system Mr. Roosevelt had established.

It is worthy of note that the Assistant Secretary of the Navy was not content to sit at a desk in Washington during this period. When the American Navy began transporting men overseas, Mr. Roosevelt went with them. Nor did he travel by the cruiser he rated; an ordinary destroyer, with all its discomforts, was deemed sufficient. He crossed with one of the first convoys when submarines were a constant danger. Once ashore in France, he hurried to the fighting zone and spent many days under fire. Between times he was active in the inspection of the huge American naval bases at St. Nazaire, Brest, Queenstown, and with the battle fleet at Scapa Flow. At the end of the war he was recognized as an extremely useful adviser of the American mission to the Peace Conference at Versailles, France.

In the Democratic National Convention held at San Francisco, Mr. Roosevelt nominated Governor Alfred E. Smith for the presidency, and when this was rejected, accepted for himself the nomination for Vice-President. He participated in the campaign to a degree never attempted before by a vice-presidential candidate, speaking all through the northern tier of States to the Pacific Coast and then back again through other sections in the East and New England, finishing in New York with a record of twelve speeches in one day. He did his utmost to further the party's cause and the League of Nations. At the same time he established contacts with local Democratic leaders throughout the nation that were of incalculable value at a later period. After his defeat in 1920, Mr. Roosevelt returned to his law practice in New York City, and until 1928 also was a vice-president of the Fidelity & Deposit Company of New York.

In 1924, Mr. Roosevelt made the speech nominating Alfred E. Smith for President. Four years later he was himself elected Governor of the State of New York, and in 1930 reelected. At the Houston, Texas, National Democratic Convention, in 1928, he again took the lead in making Governor Smith the presidential nominee of the party, and was successful in his leadership, but the Democrats met with another overwhelming defeat in November. In the meanwhile, Franklin D. Roosevelt was attending to his own difficult responsibilities and work as the Governor of New York. He had been less than a year in the gubernatorial chair when in October, 1929, came the tremendous crash in the prices of securities on the New York Stock Exchange. This was but the outward sign of the beginning of a depression stage in a national eco-

nomic cycle, but it is the invariable rule in a democracy that the party in power must accept the responsibility for economic misfortunes, and Governor Roosevelt did not prove an exception. He was exceptional, however, in that he handled the multifarious duties of his office in this trying period with so much skill that he was again returned to Albany by the people of the State. It has since been pointed out that much of what he thought and did as Governor was prophetic of his later characteristics and achievements in a higher office.

The elevation of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the highest office in the nation is a matter of contemporary history. What he did as our chief executive is an open book to be read by all, but only to be clearly understood and fairly appraised at some future time and, perhaps, only by another generation. He was nominated for the Presidency, in 1932, at the National Democratic Convention, meeting in Chicago, where he had a majority of the delegates before the first ballot was cast. His overwhelming victories at the polls of the country then and later he interpreted as mandates from the people.

As has been mentioned, Mr. Roosevelt came to the presidency at a critical period in our history, facing emergencies that required immediate action. On the second day of his first term in office, he attacked a financial crisis by prohibiting the hoarding or export of gold or currency, and ordered all banks closed. Within days he had submitted bills empowering him to reopen sound banks and reorganize others, together with measures to augment the capital of national banks. The panic allayed, the President unfolded his "New Deal" program, "an enterprise," said an editor, "undertaken in a crusading spirit and carried on for many months with little organized opposition." This program soon included the Agricultural Adjustment Act, with the primary purpose of achieving a parity between farm prices and the prices of other commodities; the National Industrial Recovery Act, of June 16, 1933, aimed at increased employment, higher wages and shorter hours for workers, and codes of fair competition for employers. These were the first two of a long series of so-called "alphabetical agencies" such as the "FERA," given the burden of administering Federal relief; the "CCC," to take the young men off the bread lines and into the woods; the Farm Credit Administration; the Federal Home Loan Bank Board; the National Labor Board; the Public Works Administration; the Tennessee Valley Administration; and many others that are now familiar to American citizens. The NRA performed the purpose for which it was formed; and the AAA functioned vigorously on behalf of agriculture, as did the Works Progress Administration of 1935 in the attempt to care for the unemployed. In his endeavors to improve a disastrously low price level, and to combat a disadvantageous foreign exchange situation, he introduced such measures as the expansion of the Federal Reserve credit, the taking over of all monetary gold

in the United States, and the purchase in the open markets of the world gold and silver bullion at largely enhanced prices.

The relief work carried on by the Administration involves figures and money almost beyond human understanding. In the first year of his regime, President Roosevelt emphasized the need of social reforms to raise the standards of living and to give greater security to the "common man." Many steps in this direction later were taken in the establishing of old-age pensions, unemployment relief, social security, mothers' assistance, the promotion of public health, child welfare and the better care of crippled children.

Essentially a man of peace it was his destiny to lead our Nation in war. Hemisphere coöperation early became the keystone of his foreign policy—the "good neighbor policy"—a climax of which he was privileged to see in the last months of his life. The rumblings of war in Europe forced an expansion of his foreign policy to include the world, and he made clear the spiritual alliance of America with all democracies. In 1939 he moved for the revision of our Neutrality Act, followed by the Conscription Act, Lend-Lease, and the thousand and one measures that mobilized the vast resources of the United States in men, production and treasure until they poured like a torrent over the globe.

In August, 1941, President Roosevelt met Prime Minister Churchill and promulgated the first of the documents looking toward a victorious peace—"The Atlantic Charter." Similar but more inclusive meetings were held at Casablanca, Morocco, Cairo, Egypt, Teheran, Persia, and Yalta in Crimea, each bringing victorious peace the nearer, and each making for the effective coalition of the great powers. President Roosevelt's last appearance before Congress was to acquaint it with the accomplishments at Yalta and particularly to place before the people of the United States the need for good faith and strong support of the San Francisco Peace Conference, of which he had been the chief architect. In his fourth inaugural address he had a passage which said: "We have learned that we cannot live alone. . . . We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community." By the irony of Fate he was not to live the few weeks between his return from Crimea and the Conference at San Francisco, perhaps his crowning achievement. In labors for others he had not spared himself.

Roosevelt, the man, was as interesting as his notable accomplishments in statecraft. He had learned how to live, which may be the inspiration of his desire that others might live a broader, richer life. He never lost his cheering smile, his zest for sports, his love of the out-of-doors. He was an all-round athlete as a young man, a tennis player, swimmer, yachtsman. Swimming he continued, and there were few things he enjoyed more than sailing a boat. He fished in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. It was his hobby. He relaxed as frequently as

was possible on his estate at Hyde Park and at the cottage he maintained at Warm Springs, Georgia. Transcontinental jaunts involved no hardship; never did official duties dampen his enthusiasm for a trip across the country or for weeks at sea. Not even the Atlantic or Pacific limited his journeys. He never forgot that he was the President of a great country and his trips to various parts of the United States may be likened to those of the doctor visiting his patients, or of an important official giving an account of his stewardship. Color, creeds, politics, did not affect the universal admiration and honor given President Roosevelt, for he was an exemplar of a deeply held American ideal—the intelligent, conscientious, fine-natured gentleman who devoted the best that was within him to the service of his fellowmen.

In New York City, on March 17, 1905, Franklin Delano Roosevelt married Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, a distant cousin, since both were descended from the original Hollander, Claes Martensen Van Rosenvelt (Roosevelt). Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt was born in New York City, October 11, 1884, a daughter of Elliott and Anna Rebecca (Hall) Roosevelt and the granddaughter of Theodore and Martha (Bulloch) Roosevelt. On her paternal grandmother's side she is descended from James Bulloch, 1701-1780, who came from Scotland to Georgia and who was a member of the Provincial Congress. His son, Archibald Bulloch, was a delegate to the Continental Congress which passed the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Roosevelt's father, the late Elliott Roosevelt, was the younger brother of President Theodore Roosevelt, of Mrs. Anna Cowles, wife of Rear Admiral William S. Cowles, United States Navy, and of Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, wife of Douglas Robinson.

Mrs. Roosevelt was educated in private schools and received, in 1929, the honorary degree of D. H. L., from Russell Sage College, Troy, New York. For many years she has been active in influential, sociological and political affairs. She plays an important part in Democratic party affairs, being, in 1928, a member of the advisory committee in charge of the women's activities of the Democratic National Convention, and is a former vice-president of the New York State League of Women Voters. Among her clubs are the Altrusa, the Colony, the Cosmopolitan and the New York Woman's City Club. One of her many biographers has written of Mrs. Roosevelt: "She is a lady of great charm and wide culture. Although her many activities leave her little time for the most obvious phases of social life, she has a large circle of friends. She is a most gracious and accomplished hostess, a gift that has stood her in good stead in connection with the several high public offices filled so admirably by her husband. As the 'first lady' of the land she occupied a position of great importance and influence. Only a woman of her unusual talents, her untiring energy and her remarkable vitality could hope to accomplish all that she undertakes. The helpful serv-

ice of others stamps Mrs. Roosevelt, in the highest meaning of the term, a civic leader."

President and Mrs. Roosevelt were the parents of five children: 1. Anna Eleanor (Mrs. John Boettiger). 2. James. 3. Elliott. 4. Franklin Delano, Jr. 5. John A. All of the sons became officers in the armed forces of the United States.

At Warm Springs, Georgia, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945, and all the peace-loving people of the earth mourned the passing of the great world leader, one of the foremost personages in the history of America. He had given his life that others might live and possess:

"Freedom of speech,
Freedom of religion,
Freedom from want,
Freedom from fear."

HON. ARTHUR SIDNEY TOMPKINS—High on the roster of the notable citizens of Rockland County, New York, is the name of Judge Arthur Sidney Tompkins. After service in a number of public capacities, including that of Federal Congressman, he was appointed to a judgeship on the bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Upon his retirement by reason of reaching the legal age limit, he became a practicing lawyer in New York City, while making his home in Nyack, Rockland County. He was prominent and popular in many local circles, and many years ago showed his love of this section of New York State and knowledge of its affairs past and present by writing its history, that still is a highly valued contribution to the annals of Rockland County. He was the compiler of the "History of Rockland County," published so long ago as 1902, but which remains the standard authority of subjects relating to the early annals of the county. The outstanding hobby of the judge was trotting horses which he loved to drive himself at Goshen and elsewhere. Since his death there has been held as an Arthur Sidney Tompkins Memorial, a race for two-year-olds every year, on the day prior to the famous Hambletonian event at Goshen, New York.

Judge Tompkins was born August 26, 1865, in Schoharie County, New York, son of Sidney B. and Mary H. (Yocum) Tompkins. He attended public schools, and early in life decided to study law. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1886, he practiced his profession in Nyack, where he was elected a police justice in 1887 and so began a political career that took him into important public service. In 1889 he was made a member of the New York State Assembly, and from 1893 to 1899 he was a Rockland County judge. Between 1899 and 1903 he was a member of the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses of the United States. It was in 1906 that Mr. Tompkins was made a justice of the Supreme Court of New York State, so continuing until 1935. In January,

1930, he received his appointment to the Appellate Division, Second Department.

When the time came for his retirement, in 1935, Judge Tompkins resumed the practice of law in association with the law firm of Greenbaum, Wolff and Ernst, of New York City and White Plains. He always took a deep interest in all matters having to do with professional and public life, and concerned himself with a wide range of civic problems. He served as president of the State Firemen's Home, in Hudson, and had for years been influential with Republican party affairs. The judge was a Past Master of his Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in 1922 and 1923. He was also past grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in New York State, and a member of the grand forum of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belonged to the Nyack Club, the Rockland Country Club, the Union League Club of New York, the City Club of White Plains and the City Club of Newburgh.

On May 18, 1889, Judge Arthur Sidney Tompkins married Jeanie C. Logan, of Tarrytown, New York. Judge and Mrs. Tompkins were the parents of two children: 1. Marjorie J., who served overseas in World War I with the Young Men's Christian Association canteens. 2. Arthur S., Jr., who married Nancy Frost, daughter of Le Roy and Marion Frost of Upper Nyack, and they have two children: Gloria, born April 16, 1924; and Arthur S., 3d, born February 3, 1926, and now serving overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, World War II.

Judge Tompkins passed to his reward on January 20, 1938, a beloved and esteemed personage in his county and State. He had been a progressive public official, a distinguished jurist, and exemplary citizen. There is a portrait of the judge in the Court House at New City, Rockland County, and one in the Court House at White Plains, New York. Each is an attempt to pay a fitting tribute to the character and achievements of Arthur Sidney Tompkins.

H. WESTLAKE COONS—To an extensive knowledge and practice of the law, H. Westlake Coons has added many noteworthy civic, fraternal, and club activities. He is a native son of the Hudson River Valley region, born at Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, on February 9, 1877, son of Alfred and Hannah J. (Buckley) Coons, and a descendant from Valentine Kuhn, a Palatine who settled in Columbia County, New York, in 1710; and of John Kuhn, soldier and officer in the American Revolutionary War.

The old Coons (Kuhn) homestead, built in 1710, still stands at Elizaville, and it was here that great-grandfather, John Coons, was born and set out to serve as a captain in the Continental Forces in the American Revolution. It was here, too, that Alfred Coons, father of the

subject of this review, first saw the light of day. Alfred Coons was a Methodist Episcopal clergyman over a long period, for a half century serving churches and missions, nearly all in New York State. He was presiding elder of the Kingston District, and in 1892 was a delegate to the General Conference of the Church. He died in 1925 at the age of eighty-five years. Hannah J. Buckley, the wife of the Rev. Alfred Coons, was a native of Liberty, New York, the great-granddaughter of Luther Buckley, who established the first store in Liberty, in 1807. Her father was Benjamin P. Buckley, who was supervisor of Liberty in 1847 and 1851.

H. Westlake Coons was graduated from the Kingston Academy of worthy memory, and matriculated at Wesleyan University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, class of 1899, and then became a student at the Albany School of Law, where he was graduated a Bachelor of Laws, in 1901. That same year he was admitted to the bar and from 1902 to 1904 engaged in a general practice at Mt. Vernon, this State. Removing to Ellenville, Ulster County, New York, in 1904, he since has made this place his home and professional headquarters. During 1905-06, he was a member of Keeler and Coons, attorneys, but since that time has conducted a private practice with most excellent results.

In business Mr. Coons is a long-time director and vice-president of the First National Bank & Trust Company of Ellenville, serving it as an attorney as he does, or has, of the Ellenville Electric Company, the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad, the Yama Farms, and other enterprises. In public life he has been a member and president of the board of education, 1906-19; mayor of Ellenville, 1924-26; and president of the Ellenville Library Board from 1930 to date. Mr. Coons is a member of Ulster County Historical Society, was president of the Rondout Valley Chamber of Commerce; is a member of the Noonday Club and of the Beaver Dam Fishing Club, was the first president of the Shawangunk Country Club. Along professional lines he is a member of the Ulster County Bar Association, and the New York State Bar Association, and is president of the Ellenville Bar Association. His college fraternity is Chi Psi, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the lodge; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to and has been president of Pioneer Engine Company, No. 1, which goes back to volunteer days. Figuring prominently in the Drives of World War I, he put over in good style Liberty War Loans and the raising of funds for the Red Cross and other humanitarian agencies. A member of the Ellenville Methodist Episcopal Church, he had the honor of being a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1920, 1924 and 1944. He is president of the board of trustees of the New York Annual Conference, and president of the Laymen's Association, New York Conference.

On October 10, 1905, at Red Hook, New York, H. Westlake Coons married Mary N. Cookingham, daughter of Dr. Harris L. Cookingham, of German ancestry, whose forebears came to America before the American Revolution. Dr. Cookingham was a former postmaster of Red Hook; president of the Dutchess County Medical Society, and a member of the Dutchess County Historical Society. Mr. and Mrs. Coons became the parents of three children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born August 8, 1906; who married Alfred W. Otte. 2. Alfred Harris, born March 9, 1909. 3. Horace Westlake, Jr., born August 20, 1913.

LEWIS E. LAWES—During his long tenure as warden of Sing Sing Prison, Lewis E. Lawes achieved a reputation as an administrator of penal institutions, penologist and humanitarian that is international in scope. Without any grandiose ideas or plans, as a very young man he secured a none too desirable job as a prison guard, and probably without any specially noble intentions studied every phase of his work, and the people over whom he was placed in control. Richly deserved promotions came his way, and larger responsibilities were placed on his shoulders. When he accepted the post of warden at the New York institution at Ossining, it was as though he had enlisted in a lost cause, for over a period of two decades the average term of the warden had been less than a single year; each new incumbent had been broken by the problems that his position presented. Warden Lawes proved the shining exception. In his lexicon there was no word for defeat; obstacles he brushed aside; he made stepping-stones of failure; he turned defeat into victories. He remade an institution where punishment and severe discipline were the watchwords to a place wherein men were reclaimed and rehabilitated and returned to human society, frequently to become citizens of usefulness and character.

Lewis E. Lawes was born at Elmira, New York, on September 13, 1883, son of Harry Lewis and Sarah (Abbott) Lawes. His father was a guard in the New York State Reformatory, in this city, and the family home was within a mile of that penal institution. He was a student in the Elmira Free Academy, when as a lad of eighteen years he enlisted in the United States Army, in 1901, and before his term was over, he had served several years in the Philippine Islands. During this period many of his duties had included the guarding of military and ordinary penal institutions and internment camps; all of which made him wonder and seek to discover something better than "punishment" for mistakes and "bad breaks," minor crimes, and the inevitable placing upon men the stamp of "criminal" that no future could erase.

It was as a serious-minded young man, already well-read and experienced in penology, that Lewis E. Lawes accepted, in 1905, an appointment as guard in the "Siberia of America," as it was then known—the Clinton Prison in New York. A year later he was transferred to the

Auburn State Prison; and from 1906 to 1911, he was guard, chief guard and chief record clerk in the New York State Reformatory, at Elmira, New York. As before, he continued to be a student of his work, and of the social aspects of crime and punishment. Eventually he enrolled for a course at the New York School of Social Work, and came in contact with leading American penologists. In 1914 he went to New York City Reformatory on Hart's Island as overseer, and in 1915 was asked to become superintendent by the city commissioner of correction, who was much impressed by his ideas of prison administration. He was superintendent of the City Reformatory for five years, during which his reputation grew as a humane and efficient prison administrator. He secured such remarkable results here that in 1920 he was asked by Governor Alfred E. Smith to become warden at Sing Sing Prison. In the last twenty years the average term of a warden had been only eleven months, and Lawes accepted the Governor's challenge to see what he could do with the situation. Entering upon his new duties January 1, 1920, he made prison history. Warden Lawes went to house-cleaning and brought about healthful surroundings; programs for athletics, entertainment and educational privileges were introduced; an endeavor was made to enlist the confidence of inmates, in themselves, and in those who must have them in charge. There was a seventy-piece band, athletic teams that frequently played games with the best of outside competition. Although a disciplinarian, made so by long and practical experience, Warden Lawes endeavored to rule by coöperation rather than force, ever trying to prove that he was most interested in the present and future welfare of inmates. His record lives not so much as a warden of Sing Sing, but in the lives of men whose feet he lifted from the mire and placed in paths of rightness and sound citizenship.

Wrote Henry Pringle in an article a number of years ago in "The Forum:" "Throughout Sing Sing's forty acres are evidences of Lawes' great purpose: to make his charges better equipped to cope with life outside; to make them better men than when they entered." Determined not to let the public forget or ignore the many inmates in Sing Sing, through books, articles and radio broadcasts Warden Lawes kept pounding: "What jobs will these men get when they get out? Can anything be done to help them? Why should they be so battered and broken in prison that society can never receive them again?" His book "Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing," was the choice of the Book of the Month, and sold one hundred and fifty thousand copies since its publication in 1932, and was also adapted for the screen and seen by thousands. Warden Lawes is the author of "Man's Judgment of Death," 1923; "Life and Death in Sing Sing," 1928; "Invisible Stripes," "Meet the Murderer," 1940, and "The Way of Life in Prison," a textbook for high school students; also many articles on

capital punishment, prisons, penology and similar subjects, all reflecting authoritative knowledge of penology, and a deep human understanding and sympathy. In 1935 Colgate University bestowed upon Mr. Lawes the honorary degree of Doctor of Social Science and he was elected an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Delta, national honorary sociology fraternity.

Warden Lawes was chosen president of the Wardens' Association of America in 1922, and of the American Prison Association in 1923; he was elected international delegate to the Prison Congress held in England in 1925, and at Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1930; a delegate to the International Penal Conference held at Berlin in 1935. Warden Lawes was never in favor of executions, but had to perform them. In lectures and published writings he pressed for abolishment of extreme penalty in American penal practice, and for some years has been honorary president of the American League to Abolish Capital Punishment. At one time or another, he has been director of the Boys' Club of America, and the Boys' Athletic League in New York City. He is an independent in his political allegiance, and fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs include the Authors, Players, Shattemuc, Point Senasque, Rod and Reel, Circus Saints and Sinners. Since retiring as Warden of Sing Sing, in 1941, Mr. Lawes has been engaged chiefly in World War II services of his country, in connection with the Federal War Production Board.

Lewis E. Lawes married (first), September 30, 1905, Kathryn Irene Stanley, of Elmira, and they became the parents of three daughters: 1. Kathleen Crystal, who married J. Stratton Douvarjo, and is the mother of a daughter: Judy Lawes Douvarjo, born December 2, 1935. 2. Joan. 3. Marie. He married (second), April 19, 1939, Elise Chisholm, and they reside at Garrison-on-Hudson.

LOWELL THOMAS—Boasting the only radio program of any kind to continue uninterruptedly since 1930, Lowell Thomas has not only made radio history, but has brought to his work on the air a rich background of experience in newspaper and magazine writing. Reporting for NBC and Columbia networks a wide range of topics concerned with events of war and peace, he is also distinguished as the discoverer and biographer of Colonel T. E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia"), biographer of Count Luckner and historian of man's first world flight.

Lowell Thomas was born April 6, 1892, in Woodington, Darke County, Ohio, son of Colonel Harry George Thomas, M. D., and Harriet (Wagner) Thomas. His father served as a surgeon in the First World War and was commissioned a colonel.

After Lowell Thomas completed his preliminary schooling, he entered the University of Northern Indiana, at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Science in 1911, later taking the Master of Arts

degree. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the University of Denver in 1912, a Master of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1916 and a number of honorary degrees, including the following: Doctor of Letters—Grove City College, 1933; St. Bonaventure, 1935. Doctor of Laws—Albright College, 1934; Lafayette College, 1937; Washington and Jefferson College, 1941. Doctor of Letters—Clark University, 1936; Temple University, 1939. Doctor of the Humanities—Boston University, 1940. He also studied at the Kent College of Law, in Chicago, where he later served, from 1912 to 1914, as professor of forensic oratory. He was also an instructor in the Princeton University department of English from 1914 to 1916.

In the years before he undertook this academic work Mr. Thomas was already actively engaged in newspaper writing and editing. He was a reporter and editor with different papers in Cripple Creek and a reporter with the Chicago "Journal" until 1914. In 1914 he went on the lecture platform, delivering a number of addresses on Alaska between that year and 1916. His penchant for historical writing was recognized by President Woodrow Wilson, who sent him as chief of a civilian mission to Europe to prepare an historical record of World War I. On the other side of the Atlantic Mr. Thomas was successively attached thereafter to the Belgian, French, Italian, Serbian, American, British and Arabian armies. He served as historian of the Palestine campaign and the Arabian revolution and was an observer with the Hedjaz forces. He also made an historical and pictorial record of the German revolution and reported on it to the Peace Conference at Versailles.

Back in the United States, Lowell Thomas made his début at the Century Theatre, New York, as lecturer on Palestine and Arabian campaigns, accompanied by motion pictures and a symphony orchestra. He then made a two-year world tour, and in 1922 went with the Prince of Wales on a tour of India. He also led expeditions to remote parts of Malaya, India, Upper Burma and Central Asia in 1922 and 1923. In 1923 he made a début in Paris with the film record of some of his Asiatic travels under the title "Thru Romantic India and Into Forbidden Afghanistan." In 1924 he was historian of the first flight around the world, and his book titled "The First World Flight" appeared the following year. Previously his book, "With Lawrence in Arabia," had appeared in 1924. In 1925 he also published "Beyond the Khyber Pass," and in 1927 "The Boy's Life of Colonel Lawrence."

Further writings of Mr. Thomas include numerous books mentioned below, as well as magazine articles and radio presentations. From 1919 to 1923 he was associate editor of "Asia Magazine." In 1926 and 1927 he made a twenty-five thousand-mile airplane flight over twenty-one countries of Europe, Asia and North Africa to study international developments in aviation. Since

1930 Mr. Thomas has been a news commentator on the air, and since 1935 a commentator for Twentieth Century-Fox Movietone. In 1940 he added television to his news coverage activities, as the first television news commentator.

The radio program that made Lowell Thomas' name a household word throughout the United States and in many parts of the world began in 1930 as a daily feature over National Broadcasting Company and Columbia networks. His original program was sponsored by the "Literary Digest." A year later he continued it under a new sponsor, the Sun Oil Company. He has covered many famous world events. In 1937 he reported the coronation in London by short wave to America, with broadcasts from mid-ocean en route. Later he was heard from Paris and Rome. In 1939 he broadcast the first television news program for the National Broadcasting Company, and in the same year was master of ceremonies for a weekly broadcast featuring his friends over NBC—Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, Admiral Byrd, the late Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt and the late Captain Felix Riesenber.

In 1940 Mr. Thomas made his own news broadcast over television facilities, giving the first sponsored program ever to go out daily over television. In 1943 he made a hurried tour of South America, originating broadcasts from Rio de Janeiro, Santiago and Lima. In the same year he took another daily news commentary over a west coast network for Standard of California. In 1945 he broadcast reports on World War II to America from London, Paris, Luxembourg, Rome and also a mobile truck behind the front lines. On April 24, 1945, he was the first war correspondent to fly over Berlin before it fell to the Allies.

On his return from the European theatre after the close of that phase of World War II, Mr. Thomas set out on a round-the-world flight to assemble material on the Pacific war. In that connection he broadcast to America from Cairo, New Delhi, Manila, Guam, Iwo Jima and Okinawa; also from Chungking, where he interviewed General Chiang Kai-Shek. In addition to all his other activities, Mr. Thomas has performed his regular news broadcasting work with Twentieth Century-Fox Movietone News, as indicated above, and he also has narrated many movie shorts and feature-length pictures for different film companies. He is a director of the Explorers' Club of New York, president of the trustees of the American College of Baghdad and a trustee of other educational institutions.

Mr. Thomas' books include "The Sea Devil," 1927; "European Skyways," 1927; "Raiders of the Deep" and "Adventures in Afghanistan for Boys," 1928; "Woodfill of the Regulars," "The Sea Devil's Fo'c's'le," and "The Hero of Vincennes," all 1929; "The Wreck of the Dumaru," "Lauterback of the China Sea" and "India—Land of the Black Pagoda," all 1930; "Rolling Stone"

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and "Tall Stories," 1931; "Kabluk of the Eskimo," "This Side of Hell," "Spain, the American Traveler's Handbook," 1932; "Old Gimlet Eye," 1933; "Fan Mail," 1935; "The Untold Story of Exploration," 1935; "Born to Raise Hell," 1935; "Men of Danger," 1936; "A Life of Rudyard Kipling," 1936; "Seeing Canada with Lowell Thomas," 1936; "Seeing India with Lowell Thomas," 1936; "Wings over Asia," 1936; "Seeing Mexico with Lowell Thomas," "Adventures Among Immortals" and "Hungry Waters," 1937; "Magic Dials" and "In New Brunswick You'll Find It," 1939; "Soft Ball, So What?" "Stand Fast for Freedom," "Pageant of Adventure" and "How to Keep Mentally Fit," 1940; "Pageant of Life," 1941; "Pageant of Romance," 1943; and "These Men Shall Never Die."

In addition to his other activities, Lowell Thomas is a member of many organizations. He is a fellow of the American Geographical Society and the Royal Geographical Society, an honorary life member of the English Speaking Union, and a member of the Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Phi, Sigma Delta Chi, Alpha Epsilon, Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Kappa Alpha fraternities. He belongs to the Princeton Club, the Dutch Treat Club, the Overseas Press Club and the Advertising Club of New York. He and his family are Protestants, members of a non-denominational church—Christ Church, on Quaker Hill, Pawling, New York. The family home is in Pawling, and Mr. Thomas has his business headquarters at No. 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York.

Lowell Thomas married, August 4, 1917, in Denver, Colorado, Frances Ryan, daughter of H. P. and Eunice Ryan. They became the parents of a son, Lowell Jackson Thomas, born October 6, 1923.

STIRLING TOMKINS—Stirling Tomkins holds a prominent position in the business life of Rockland County. He was born at Tomkins Cove on March 22, 1894. Since his great-grandfather, Calvin Tomkins, purchased a tract of land there about 1830, his family have been continuously engaged, first in the business of producing lime and later crushed stone. During the early years they operated in the name of Newark Lime & Cement Company, which, in addition to the lime burning at Tomkins Cove, operated an extensive cement plant at Rondout, New York and a plaster manufacturing business in Newark, New Jersey, which obtained supplies of raw gypsum in Hillsboro, New Brunswick, Canada, where they also operated a plaster manufacturing plant in the name of the Albert Manufacturing Company. Toward the end of the nineteenth century, the operations at Tomkins Cove were converted from lime burning to crushed stone. Two plants were built at Tomkins Cove for this purpose, which continued in operation until 1909 when they were replaced by the first modern stone crushing plant in this part of the country, using power

shovels in the place of the older method of hand labor as the means of excavating the rock.

When Mr. Tomkins' father died in 1912, the presidency of the corporation was taken over by his uncle, Calvin Tomkins, of New York City. Mr. Tomkins left Cornell University at this time in order to assist his uncle in the management of the several businesses, all of which were in active production except the cement plant at Rondout which manufactured Rosendale cement and which was abandoned after Portland cement replaced Rosendale cement in most types of construction work. Throughout his life Mr. Tomkins has been continuously engaged with all these enterprises, although principally with the production of crushed stone.

In 1917 his business career was interrupted for two years when he volunteered for service in the armed forces of the United States during World War I, finishing his army service in 1918 as pilot with the rank of first lieutenant. Resuming business, he held the position of manager of the Tomkins Cove operations until his uncle died in 1921, when at the age of twenty-seven he became president of the Tomkins Cove Stone Company. In 1926, under his direction, the Tomkins Cove Stone Company expanded its operations by acquiring property south of Haverstraw and building there a large modern stone crushing plant. In 1927, through negotiations with Wilson P. Foss, Sr., principal owner and head of New York Trap Rock Corporation, Mr. Tomkins arranged for the sale of the property of the Tomkins Cove Stone Company, both at Tomkins Cove and at Haverstraw, to the New York Trap Rock Corporation. At this time he became vice-president in charge of operations of New York Trap Rock Corporation, in which capacity he served until 1938 when he became its president, which position he now holds.

His business life was again interrupted in 1943 when he obtained leave of absence from New York Trap Rock Corporation and volunteered his services to the American Red Cross. He was sent immediately to North Africa as assistant to the delegate in charge of all Red Cross activities in North Africa, taking part in the work of that organization in preparation for the military invasion of Sicily and later Italy, at the same time carrying on all the services of the American Red Cross to the armed forces in North Africa and of its civilian relief activities to civilians in North Africa. In the summer of 1944 he was appointed delegate of American Red Cross to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, in which capacity he had charge of all their activities in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Sardinia and Corsica, and including the landing and subsequent operations of the 7th Army moving into southern France. In May, 1945, after cessation of hostilities in Europe, he returned to the United States and retired from Red Cross to assume again his position as president of New York Trap Rock Corporation. For his

service with American Red Cross, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the War Department.

In 1921, Mr. Tomkins married Marian Ferree, daughter of Eugene H. and Marian Coapman Ferree of Lockport, New York. For some years after their marriage they resided in Nyack and later, due to his business activities, moved to New York where they now live at the Carlyle Hotel. At the time they moved to New York, Mr. Tomkins purchased the "Bouwerie Farm" in New City, where he has spent much of his time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomkins have two children: Stirling, Jr., born December 24, 1921, in New York City, attended Allen Stevenson School in New York City, Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut, and Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University, from which he graduated in 1942. During his career at Yale, Stirling, Jr., was editor of the "Yale Daily News" and a member of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Upon graduation he was commissioned ensign in the United States Naval Reserve and immediately went to sea, serving for several months on a destroyer doing Atlantic convoy duty, and then was transferred to another destroyer which took him to the Pacific, where he was at the time of the Japanese surrender. Stirling, Jr., married Elizabeth Sockman, daughter of Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, Methodist, Park Avenue at Sixtieth Street, New York City, in October, 1943. The daughter, Barbara Ferree, was born in New York City, May 9, 1924. Barbara attended Brearley School, New York City, Miss Hall's School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and then entered Vassar College, which she left after two years to marry Ensign Beverly S. Ridgely, of Baltimore, Maryland, in May, 1944.

HAMILTON FISH—As a military officer and Congressman, Hamilton Fish, of Garrison, has filled an important position in the life of this region of New York State and in the Nation as a whole.

Mr. Fish was born December 7, 1888, in Garrison, Putnam County, New York, son of Hamilton Fish. He attended schools in this region, then became a student at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in 1910. He studied law at the same university in 1910 and 1911. Since that time he has been active in professional, business, military and political affairs. Between 1914 and 1916 he was vice-president of John C. Paige & Company, a general insurance firm.

In those same years he was a member of the New York State Assembly, then was elected to the Sixty-sixth Congress, in which he took his place in 1919, serving until 1921 to fill out the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Edmund Platt. He was then reelected to the Sixty-seventh and subsequent Congresses through the Seventy-seventh, representing his New York district, the Twenty-sixth, down to the time of writing. During the

First World War he commanded an infantry unit of colored soldiers, the Fifteenth New York Volunteers, later known as the 369th Infantry Regiment, and took part in the battle of Champagne, July 15, 1918, and in the following September. He was a major of infantry with the Fourth Division, Army of Occupation, at the close of the war. He is a graduate of the Army and General Staff College, American Expeditionary Forces, and is a colonel of reserves.

Mr. Fish married, September 24, 1921, Grace Chapin, daughter of Alfred Chapin, former mayor of Brooklyn.

ADOLPH ZUKOR—The story of that nationally and internationally known figure in the motion picture industry, Adolph Zukor, is an exemplification of the best features of the sometimes forgotten truth that enterprise, perseverance and courage win rich rewards in American business. He was born at Ricse, Hungary, on January 7, 1873, son of Jacob and Hannah (Lieberman) Zukor.

Educated abroad and in New York City schools, Adolph Zukor as a youth came to the New World in 1888 and before long was making his own livelihood. For a decade and a half he was identified with the hardware, upholstery and fur business in New York City and Chicago, Illinois, and made the decisive move in his notable career in 1904 when he became associated with Mitchell Mark, the owner of the Strand Theatre in the metropolis. He had the foresight and imagination to believe that there were going to be marked sharp changes in the entertainment of American audiences. The so-called motion pictures was becoming something more than a "peep show" or "chaser" in vaudeville houses. At first Adolph Zukor, together with Marcus Loew, combined in the presentation of films and vaudeville performers. The cinema began to outdistance the vaudeville features, so that the next advance in the business activities of Mr. Zukor was when he became interested vigorously with the making of motion pictures. He had progressed far when in 1912 he founded The Famous Players; a truly remarkable group of artists. Over a long period since that time, he has been outstanding as an executive in the motion picture industry, and is the chairman of the board of Paramount Pictures, Inc. In private life Mr. Zukor is affiliated with the Masonic Order, and among his clubs are the Lambs and the Athletic of New York City. His beautiful estate at New City, Rockland County, has been the scene of a gracious and generous hospitality. More recently the splendid and sporting golf course that he caused to be built for the use of his family and guests has been opened to the public and has attracted golfers from a wide radius.

On January 10, 1897, Adolph Zukor married Lottie Kaufman, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Eugene James, who served in World War I, and is now serving in World War II with the rank of lieutenant commander, United States Navy; he married and is the father of three sons: i. Eugene John, serving in the

United States Navy, World War II. ii. Adolph 2d. iii. James. 2. Mildred, who married Arthur Loew, and is the mother of a daughter: i. Jane, who married Lieutenant Boyd McDavid Morse, now serving overseas as a bombardier pilot, World War II; and their son, Arthur Loew, entered on May 31, 1944, the United States Army Air Force, for the present global war.

HERMAN S. THURSTON—Engaged in a manufacturing business at Poughkeepsie for far longer than most of his contemporaries, Herman S. Thurston has been associated with one concern, now titled the Poughkeepsie Foundry & Machine Company, for a period of sixty-two years. He entered employment with the firm as an office boy, served during his long connection with it in various positions, finally rising to the office of vice-president and general manager. His son, H. B. Thurston, is also associated with the business, and has held the office of president and treasurer of the company since 1939. Both the father and son are well known throughout the Dutchess County district which has long been their home. They are prominent in business councils, in civic affairs, and are members of local social and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Thurston was born in Dutchess County, March 1, 1866, son of Platt and Ann (Stoutenburgh) Thurston, both natives of Dutchess County. His father was a farmer in this region. Growing up in Dutchess County, Herman S. attended the public schools here, receiving the customary general education.

He began his business career as an office boy with a predecessor of the firm of which he is now vice-president. This concern had been originally established in 1831, by Solomon Frost and Benjamin Vail, for the purpose of manufacturing hollow ware such as bake ovens, wash kettles, and other similar products. The business passed, successively, into the hands of Dolan & Farrell, Gregory & Vandewater, Benjamin Arnold & Son, Levi M. Arnold, Thompson & Carpenter, James H. Dudley, Dudley & Company, prior to its incorporation in 1888. Henry W. Bullard was president 1888 to 1898. Since that time, the successive presidents of the corporation have been Guilford Dudley, president until 1933; Frank Myers, who started as an office boy in 1894, gradually advancing until he became president, which office he held until his death in 1939; and H. B. Thurston, the current head executive.

The physical plant of the company has also undergone change during the years of its existence. The old factory was at 376 Main Street in Poughkeepsie. In 1902, the firm secured a ten-acre tract of land in the Fairview section, erected several buildings there, and has remained on that site to the present time. The concern employs approximately seventy-five workers, and sends its products, which consist of large and small grey iron castings for elevators, cream separators, bakery machinery, ice and coal conveying machinery, mixing machine parts

for the penicillin drug, and similar devices, to customers throughout the metropolitan district and the Hudson Valley.

The officers of the Poughkeepsie Foundry & Machine Company, Inc., are: president and treasurer, H. B. Thurston; vice-presidents, Herman S. Thurston and Mrs. Frank Myers; and secretary, D. Snow. Herman S. Thurston also holds the position of vice-president in the Standard Gage Company. He is a member of local social organizations, and of the Poughkeepsie lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1895, Herman S. Thurston was married to Lucy Mack, of Ulster County. They are communicants of the Christian Science Church at Poughkeepsie, and are the parents of a son, H. B. Thurston, of further mention, and a daughter, Lucille Thurston.

Born at Poughkeepsie on September 19, 1896, H. B. Thurston grew up here and received his education in the public schools and in Eastman Business College. He then entered employment with the foundry company, and has continued this association to the present time. During the World War, Mr. Thurston served in the United States Navy. Since 1939, he has been president and treasurer of the Poughkeepsie Foundry & Machine Company, Inc., of which his father is vice-president. Mr. Thurston is a member of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Manufacturers Association; his social affiliations include the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of the commandery of the Knights Templar. He was married in 1924 to Helen L. Davis, of Syracuse, and they are the parents of two children, Joan, who is eighteen, and Nancy, who is eight. They attend the Christian Science Church.

EDSON SCHUYLER LOTT—For years active in insurance work, Edson Schuyler Lott served over a long period as president of the United States Casualty Company of New York, so continuing until his retirement to the chairmanship of the board of directors in 1936.

Mr. Lott was born November 10, 1856, in Yates County, New York, son of Jesse T. and Sarah M. (Wheeler) Lott.

Public schools provided Edson S. Lott's earliest formal education, and he attended Penn Yan Academy, in Penn Yan, New York. Beginning his career in newspaper work, he subsequently entered the insurance business, becoming assistant secretary of the United States Casualty Company of New York, assuming those duties in 1895. He was made secretary of the company in 1897, general manager in 1901 and president in 1908. He continued as president until 1936, when he was made chairman of the board.

In addition to his other undertakings, he is a director of the Guardian Life Insurance Company, and the New Amsterdam Casualty Company. He is a member of the board of governors of the National Council on Work-

men's Compensation Insurance, a trustee of the Workmen's Compensation Reinsurance Bureau, and vice-president of the Insurance Federation of America, the Insurance Society of New York, the American Museum of Safety and the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives. Formerly he was president of the International Association of Accident and Health Underwriters. He is a member of the American Arbitration Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Alliance Against Accident Fraud, the Board of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, and the Insurance Institute of America (of which he was formerly president).

To his other work Mr. Lott has added responsibilities of writing and editorship. He is a member of the editorial board of the "International Insurance Encyclopedia" and author of "Pioneers of American Liability Insurance" and "A Penn Yan Boy." He is a member of the permanent commission of the International Industrial Congress, of Paris.

In 1879 Edson Schuyler Lott married Emma A. Cowl. His home is in New City, and he maintains an office at No. 60 John Street, New York City.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR—One of the senior members of the banking fraternity, James J. O'Connor has achieved the fine record of over fifty years identification with just one organization—The Ulster County Savings Institution of Kingston, New York. On April 23, 1894, he entered the employ of this bank and from a minor position worked his way through various departments. On February 20, 1923, he was elected treasurer succeeding John B. Alliger, an office he has filled most capably since that time.

Mr. O'Connor, "Dean of the savings bankers," of the Ulster County metropolis, was born in the village of Eddyville, Ulster County, New York, on January 9, 1870, son of James J. and Catherine (Solon) O'Connor. His father was long a familiar and respected figure in the city, a merchant and for fifteen years prior to his death a justice of the peace. James J. and Catherine (Solon) O'Connor were the parents of the following children: 1. Augustine. 2. James J., of whom further. 3. John. 4. Margaret W., who was a war nurse, a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Training School. She served overseas with the Bellevue unit for eighteen months during World War I. 5. Mary, also a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Training School. 6. Kathryn M., of 735 Broadway, Kingston, New York, a teacher.

James J. O'Connor attended the local schools and Kingston Academy, and rounded out his preparations for his vocation by being graduated from the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie. He had gained a variety of experience before entering the Ulster County Savings Institution in 1894, and has since continued to serve the

bank and its clients for over five decades. Its officers and employees are: Pratt Boice, president; H. R. Brigham, vice-president; John H. Saxe, vice-president; Robert G. Groves, secretary; James J. O'Connor, treasurer; Edward J. Hillis, assistant treasurer; Joseph A. Fassbender, acting assistant treasurer; John T. R. Hall, teller; S. Maxwell Taylor, clerk; Robert G. Groves, attorney; Veronica H. Hanley, Janice Joyce, and M. Roberta Avery, stenographers; George M. Berry, clerk (in the service of his country). The trustees are: Harry J. Beatty, Pratt Boice, H. R. Brigham, John T. Cahill, Arthur G. Carr, all of Kingston; Roscoe V. Elsworth, Port Ewen; Robert G. Groves, Kingston; John H. Saxe, West Hurley; James A. Simpson, Phoenicia; Howard R. St. John, Kingston; Herbert E. Thomas, Kingston, and Alfred Schmid, Kingston.

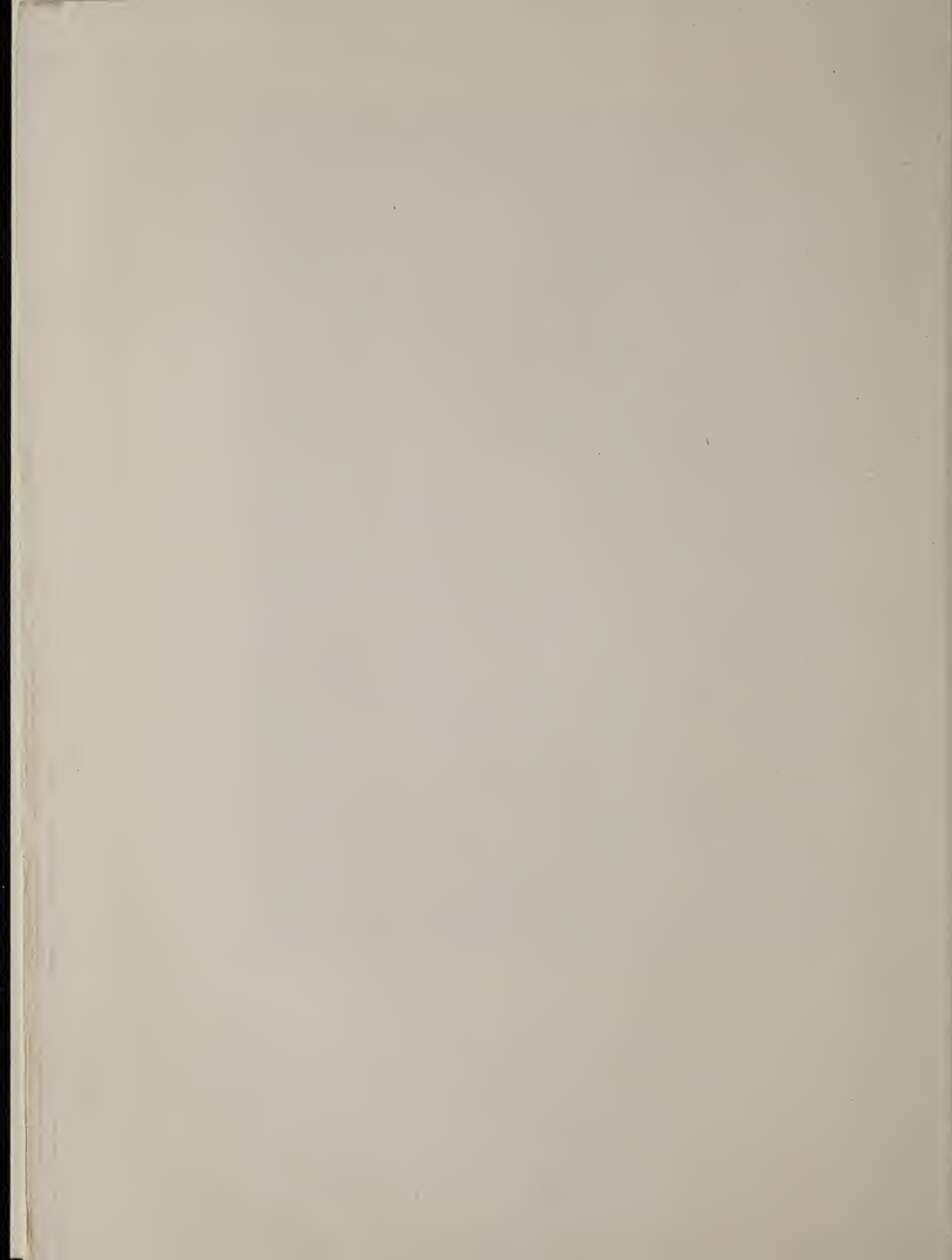
Mr. O'Connor is exceptionally well known in Ulster County, the friend and adviser of many, a gentleman of integrity and honor who faithfully has performed his duties as a banker and progressive citizen of the community. Along the line of his profession he was a member and secretary and treasurer of Group III, of the New York State Association of Savings Bankers, and was a former president of Group III, of that association, thereby becoming a member of the executive committee of the association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, a senior past grand knight, and belongs to St. Joseph's Holy Name Society. He worships at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

On February 12, 1914, at Brooklyn, New York, James J. O'Connor married Florence E. Mitchell, at that time a teacher in Public School No. 3 at Brooklyn, and they are the parents of a son, James J., Jr., associated with the Mutual Broadcasting System at Station WOR, New York, as an engineer. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's Parochial School and Kingston High School. After graduation he completed a course in radio engineering at RCA Institute in New York City. James J. O'Connor, Jr., married Kathryn M. Dixon, daughter of Charles Dixon, and they have two daughters, Patricia Ann and Susan C. They reside at 15 Foxhurst Lane, Manhasset, Long Island, New York.

STEPHEN K. SMITH—For years active in business affairs in Newburgh, his native New York State community, Stephen K. Smith was head of the mill supply firm of the William L. Smith Company, named after his father, its former head. In the closing period of his life Mr. Smith was particularly active in the work of of the Newburgh Rationing Board, of which he was chairman, and whose affairs he handled efficiently and devotedly. His wartime service in this connection was, in its nature and the demands that it made upon him, one of the most gruelling and energy-taxing on the whole broad home front. His selflessness in assuming



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these duties in a spirit of willingness and loyalty marked him, in large measure, a home front casualty of the war, and his fine work remains a sacrifice to his country and its cause.

Mr. Smith was born January 28, 1907, in Newburgh, New York, son of William L. Smith. His father conducted the Smith business, originally founded in 1879, from 1902 onward. The mother was Mary Elizabeth (King) Smith.

Stephen K. Smith attended the Storm King School, in Cornwall-on-Hudson, and Phillips Andover Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, then entered the Columbia University School of Business. When he was graduated from Columbia, he joined his father in the mill supply firm of the Smith family, and from 1928 to 1939 served as a sales representative on the floor. At his father's death, in that year, Mr. Smith assumed charge of the business, although he was then only thirty-two years old. Successful in his work in this connection, Mr. Smith soon assumed other responsibilities, becoming a director of the Newburgh Savings Bank, where he succeeded his father.

In addition, he was a director of the Broadway Business Men's Association and of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce. He was also chairman of the industrial committee of the chamber. Mr. Smith was a member of the Rotary Club, the Powelton Club, Newburgh Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the First Presbyterian Church. He led in many community chest drives and helped with the Red Cross and war fund campaigns.

His major success in civic life was unquestionably his work with the rationing board. This board opened offices January 5, 1942, with three members and one clerk to handle applications for tires and recaps. Almost overnight the board's activities expanded tremendously, until at the time of Mr. Smith's passing it occupied several rooms in the South Street School. Mr. Smith's success in private business activities assured his capable handling of this public responsibility, and his actual work vindicated the highest hopes of those who had urged him to assume the work. In spare time he enjoyed woodworking and photography.

Stephen K. Smith married, January 3, 1931, Gertrude E. Scantlebury, of Cornwall, New York, daughter of Frank Marshall and Lillian (Sawkins) Scantlebury. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of two children: 1. Stephen King, Jr., born December 22, 1934. 2. Stephanie, born October 29, 1938.

JOSEPH M. ADRIAN—Engaged in the brokerage business in New York City until his death, Joseph M. Adrian was a resident of Brewster and a prominent citizen of Putnam County.

Mr. Adrian was born July 20, 1892, in New York City, son of Joseph M. and Cecelia (Vennewald) Adrian. His

father, who died March 3, 1921, was a banker who for many years lived in New York City, although he removed to Brewster prior to his death.

Joseph M. Adrian, of the record, attended school in New York City, being graduated from St. Francis Xavier High School and St. Francis Xavier College there, then receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws from New York University in 1915. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1916, he practiced law in New York City until 1924. On May 1, that year, he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange, continuing so until his retirement in 1935. His work in the law and in the brokerage business was of a high order of usefulness, earning for him the admiration and confidence of a host of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life.

In Brewster he was one of his community's public-spirited citizens, and belonged to a number of organizations, among them the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as the Seventy-seventh Division Association (New York City). During the First World War he served from May 10, 1917, to May 10, 1919, with the 307th Infantry Regiment, 77th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, holding the rank of first lieutenant. He was wounded in France, and received the decoration of Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Adrian also belonged to the New York Athletic Club.

Mr. Adrian married, January 19, 1918, at New York City, Marguerite Marie Audrain, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Joseph M., 3d, born in Orange, New Jersey, a first lieutenant in the infantry forces in the Second World War, father of Joseph M. Adrian, 4th. 2. Marguerite, born in New York City, now Mrs. Marguerite (Adrian) Smythe and mother of Peter James Smythe. 3. Richard A., born in Brewster, now an ensign in United States Navy Air Corps.

Joseph M. Adrian died November 24, 1944.

WILL GEER—A man wholly of the present century by birth, activities and philosophy of life and affairs, Will Geer, who makes his home in West Nyack, Rockland County, is really more at home in New York City. During a period of nearly two decades he has made an exceptional reputation for himself as actor of the widest experience, not only upon the stage but in the cinema. In contradistinction, perhaps, he is keenly interested in his fellowmen in all walks of life and has contributed importantly to the betterment of economic conditions, especially in the support of organizations.

Will Geer was born at Frankfort, Indiana, March 9, 1902, the son of Roy A. and Katherine (Aughe) Geer. He acquired an education broad in scope, becoming a Bachelor of Philosophy, University of Chicago, class of 1924, and pursued postgraduate studies at Columbia University, New York City, during the following year. His

personal liking and artistic gifts sought expression in the drama, and for several years he acted with repertory, tent and boat shows, or upon any stage that offered an opportunity. He was well on his way when he became associated with the Stuart Walker Repertory Company, in Cincinnati, Ohio, an experience that proved helpful if not profitable; and from 1927 to 1931 he toured with the notable Mrs. Fiske's Repertory Company which gave finish to his preparations of several years.

Will Geer made his New York City début in 1928, as Pistol in the "Merry Wives of Windsor," with Minnie Maddern Fiske, beloved figure in the theatre. From 1931 to 1935, he was in motion pictures with such studios and companies as Paramount, Universal, and Metro-Goldwyn. Like many another, he left Hollywood to return to the stage, his first and greatest love, and since 1935 has appeared in such plays as "Unto Such Glory," "Cradle Will Rock," "Bury the Dead," "Waiting for Lefty," "Of Mice and Men," "Journey Man," "Washington Jitters," and "Sing Out the News." He played Dr. Hansen in "Fight for Life," a documentary film on Chicago for the United States Film Service; Jeeter Lester in "Tobacco Road," and he has made cross country tours for trade unions with "Let Freedom Ring," "Bury the Dead," and "Cradle Will Rock."

Will Geer is the author of "American Folk Songs," published in 1932. Recently much of his professional activity is taken up with radio—all networks, television and concert work with the Boston Symphony Orchestra each season. He is a member of the Actors Equity Association, New York City, of the board of directors of the New Theatre League, and member of the Committee to Aid Agricultural Migrants.

On October 12, 1938, Will Geer married Herta Ware, and they are the parents of two daughters, Katherine and Ellen.

J. ADDISON CROWELL—A bill-head now nearly three-quarters of a century old reads: "Wallkill Valley Sleigh Works, Shawangunk, N. Y., To James B. Crowell, Dr., manufacturer of Children's sleighs, agricultural implements, cutting boxes, well curbs, harrows, brick moulds, etc., etc." The date is 1872. Shawangunk is now Wallkill, in Ulster County, New York. Three generations of the Crowells have been and are active in the business, which incidentally is the oldest firm in the United States still making "brick moulds," and probably some other of its products. One of the four brick mould factories in the country, it produces hundreds of moulds each year, supplying a constant demand for more and better moulds. The founder has long since passed to his reward. J. Addison Crowell has retired from most of his activities with the firm, and his two sons carry on where their elders left off in the conduct of an important business, and are prominent in the town's civic and social life.

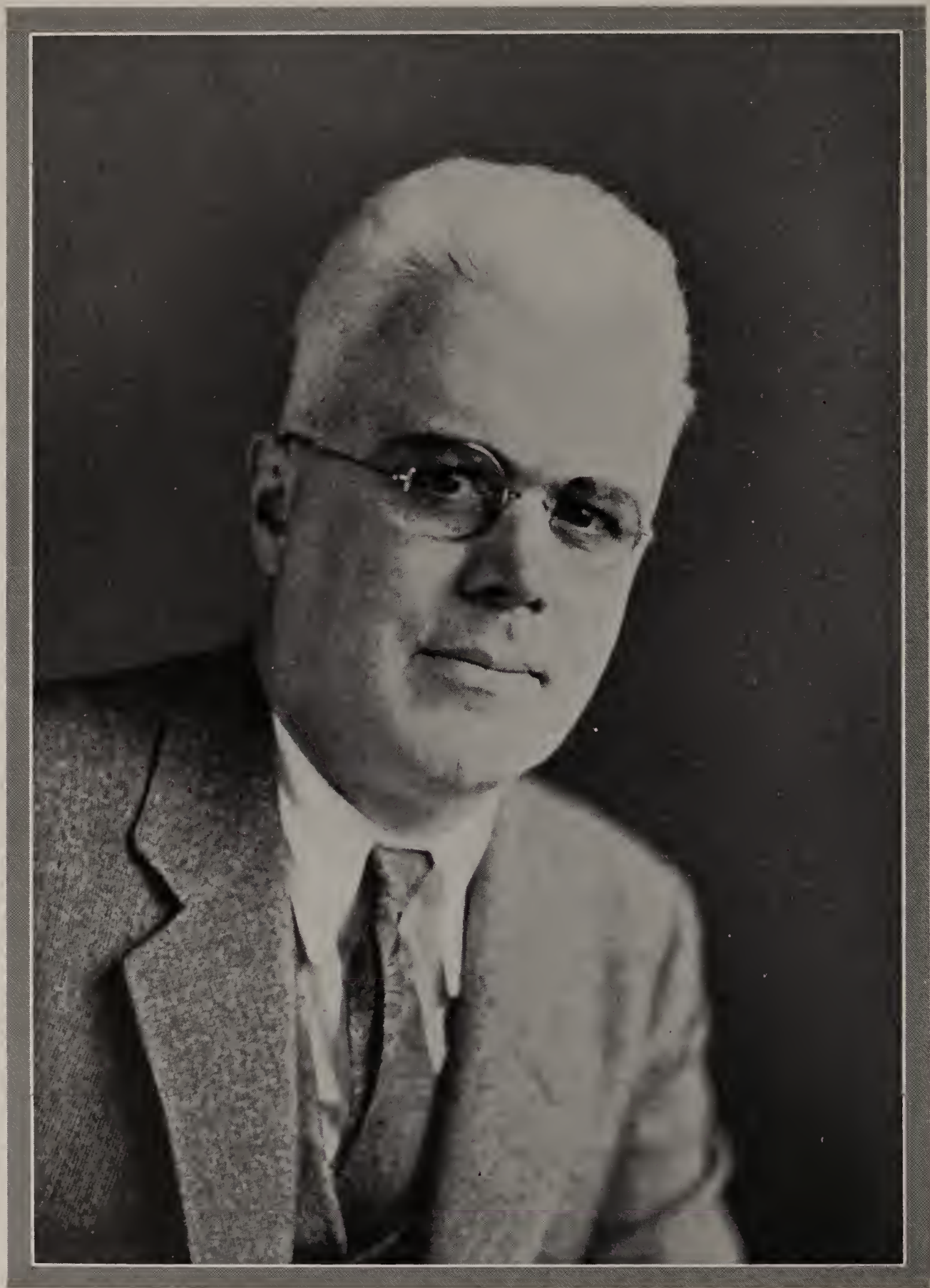
In the late sixties of the last century J. Addison Crowell's grandfather, R. B. Crowell, bought the Bates property of three hundred acres near what is now Wallkill, then called Shawangunk. The old Albany Post Road and the Dwarkill River, a tributary of the Wallkill, ran through the farm. The buildings then comprised a saw-mill and a churning house as adjuncts to the farm. Mr. Crowell added other buildings in 1870, and began manufacturing hand sleighs, ox bows, harrows, baker peels, cherry drop tables and other articles made of wood. In 1872 brick moulds and brick barrows were added to the line. The first shipment went to a Haverstraw firm.

James B. Crowell, of the second generation, continued the work, became a leading citizen and industrialist of Shawangunk (Wallkill), and was so considered at his death, July 31, 1916. He married Susan H. Campbell, who died December 4, 1881. They were the parents of J. Addison Crowell, born in Shawangunk, January 20, 1875, who attended the district schools of Wallkill Township, and completed his formal education at the State Normal School at New Paltz, New York. He then became associated with his father in the long-established business of the family, beginning in 1896. In that same year the first of three disastrous fires destroyed the buildings. A new factory was built, however, with greatly improved equipment. Long before his father's death J. Addison Crowell assumed charge of the business. The firm, as now constituted, remains in large measure a monument to his executive qualities and foresighted enterprise. Affairs did not proceed entirely without difficulty, however, for in 1899 the factory was again destroyed by fire. The third new factory was built at that time, only to be destroyed by a third fire on June 24, 1915. The Crowells then put up their fourth factory, installing new and modern machinery and the latest improved equipment.

Many years later, in 1937, J. Addison Crowell's sons, James B. and Addison Dick Crowell, joined him as partners in the business, after having had some years of experience in connection with it. J. Addison Crowell himself, now retired, continues his interest in the brick mould factory, which, in addition to its other distinctions, is the only plant of its kind using water power. The good-sized stream flowing through the property provides ample water for the farm and power for the mill. Quinn Brothers operate the farm.

J. Addison Crowell is also a director of the Wallkill National Bank and is financially connected with local firms and properties. Fraternally he is affiliated with Wallkill Lodge, No. 687, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Wallkill, and attends the Reformed Church of Wallkill, serving as an elder and giving generously to religious and charitable works.

On October 12, 1904, at Wallkill, New York, J. Addison Crowell married Alice Dick, daughter of Hugh and



Robert H Clark

Eliza Jane (Poole) Dick. They became the parents of two sons: 1. James B., 2d, born September 26, 1905, received his education in the grade and high schools of Wallkill and Blair Academy, then entered the business established by his great-grandfather, in which he is now a partner. He is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and attends the Reformed Church of Wallkill, which he serves as a deacon. He married, March 26, 1932, Doris Lees Mortenson, and they are the parents of a son, James B., 3d, born August 26, 1936. 2. Addison D., born March 24, 1909; educated in the schools of Wallkill, then entered the business with his father and brother, in which he is now a partner. He is a member of the Wallkill Volunteer Fire Department and the Rotary Club, and attends the Reformed Church of Wallkill. On October 9, 1937, he married Eleanor M. Stewart, and they have one son, Stewart A., born July 28, 1941.

ROBERT HENRY CLARK—In Rockland County, and over a much wider area, Robert H. Clark is usually "Judge" Clark. This is not only a recognition of his able services as a former justice of the peace of the town of Orangetown, but of even larger services rendered as a public official and an industrialist. Like his father before him, he is a manufacturer of church organs, the head of a firm that is fifty years old and widely reputed for the perfection of its products.

Judge Clark was born in Upper Nyack, New York, on May 16, 1887, son of Michael A. and Eleanor (McPhail) Clark, the latter-named being still a resident of Nyack. Michael A. Clark, a native of England, came to the United States in 1879, and in 1885 settled in Nyack, Rockland County. In 1896 he began the construction of church organs in the Nyack section. Ultimately, as his children entered the concern, the name of M. A. Clark & Sons was adopted. Since the death of the founder in 1939, Robert H. Clark has carried on the enterprise under its old and honored trade name.

Robert H. Clark was educated in the Nyack public schools. Early in life he became associated with his father in business. His career was interrupted, like many others of his generation, by the First World War, during which he served in the Merchant Marine Corps. A brother, Meredith A. Clark, has seen service in both the First and Second World Wars in the United States Army.

Civic-minded and public-spirited, Robert H. Clark has contributed importantly to the progress of his community, not alone as a manufacturer, but as a public official and citizen. He is a former justice of the peace of the town of Orangetown, Rockland County, and also is an ex-supervisor of this town. A staunch Republican, influential in party councils and campaigns, he is a committeeman and former chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Orangetown. He belongs to the Orangetown Fire Company, the Nyack Boat Club, the Orangetown Lions Club, and attends Grace Episcopal Church. Fra-

ternally he is affiliated with Rockland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Rockland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Rockland Commandery, Knights Templar. Fishing and gardening furnish his chief recreations.

On December 26, 1917, at Nauraushaun, Rockland County, Robert H. Clark married Mabel Van Houten, daughter of Edward C. and Orpha (Cummings) Van Houten. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one daughter, Eleanor Meredith, born at South Nyack, February 16, 1920. She attended the grade and high schools of Nyack, being graduated in 1939, from high school, and then attended Alfred University. In 1942 she became a civilian employee of the army ordnance fire control section working on instruments for calculating anti-aircraft firing data. She was made a resident inspector of army ordnance material at the Dexter Folder Company, of Pearl River, New York.

JOHN C. DINGMAN, M. D.—Over a period of four decades John C. Dingman, M. D., has served Spring Valley, Rockland County, and neighboring towns as a physician and good citizen. He comes from a "medical" family, for his father, two brothers and his only son were, or are, doctors, one of his daughters is a registered nurse and one a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. John C. Dingman was born in 1881, son of James A. Dingman, M. D., and the grandson of Jasper D., of Picton, Ontario, Canada. Dr. James A. Dingman, born in Picton, Province of Ontario, Canada, on June 22, 1848, left his father's farm to go to Cincinnati, Ohio, to complete his medical education in the Eclectic School of Medicine. He began to practice his profession at Florence, New York, and later was resident physician in the Jackson Water Cure, at Dansville, Livingston County, New York. Still later he opened an office in Newark, New Jersey, from which he removed to Spring Valley to take over the practice of the leading physician in the community. While living in Florence he met and afterwards married Nettie C. Beveridge of Paterson, New Jersey, and they were the parents of several children, all born in Spring Valley, except the eldest, a daughter Mary. After twenty-nine years in the art of healing, James A. Dingman, M. D., died in February, 1905, after an illness of many months. His name holds an honored place in the annals of Spring Valley and Rockland County.

Dr. John C. Dingman, with the career of whom we are primarily interested, was graduated from the Spring Valley High School in 1898, and after premedical and medical studies was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York City, class of 1904. He returned to Spring Valley to take over the practice in which his father was no longer able to engage, and to his chosen vocation he devotes the best of his energies, knowledge and skill. Wrote an editor a few years ago:

As a physician Dr. Dingman enjoys the highest degree of confidence among both members of the hospital staff and patients alike for his recognized ability and broad experience. His quiet manner and unaffected, dignified demeanor have earned for him a host of friends not only in the community in which he has lived since birth but in all parts of Rockland.

For twelve years, Dr. Dingman was coroner of Rockland County. His interest in the Nyack Hospital has been a source of incalculable aid to that institution, of which he is at present secretary of the board of managers, member of the executive committee and director of the medical division. He is also a member of the Child Welfare Board, member of the Rockland County executive council of Boy Scouts and a Past Master of Athelstane Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Spring Valley. Dr. Dingman is a former president of the Rockland County Medical Society, and during World War II was chief of the emergency medical service of civilian defense for Rockland County. He knows, perhaps better than his elders, the value of recreation. Of this phase of his activities a reporter once commented:

An ardent outdoorsman, he has gained a widespread reputation as angler and hunter. An expert pistol shot, a sport in which he has gained many State medals, his principal hobby, however, is his great affection for hunting dogs, especially setters and pointers, the breeding of which is one of his favorite avocations. He is at home on a trout stream and is among the most accomplished of flycasters, spending a goodly part of his summer vacation in company with his son on upstate waters.

In 1908, John C. Dingman, M. D., married Louise duBois Berry of New Paltz, New York, and Boise, Idaho. Mrs. Dingman is a direct descendant from Louis duBois, the New Paltz patentee in Ulster County, New York. She is a member of the executive board of the Descendants of New Paltz Patentees, and owner of the noted Old duBois Fort in New Paltz. Dr. and Mrs. Dingman are the parents of four children: 1. Marie, a graduate of Northfield Seminary, and Elmira College; she married Franz Felix, an artist and portrait painter. 2. Ruth Louise, a graduate of Spring Valley schools, and after two years in Elmira College entered the Yale School of Nursing; was supervisor of nurses of the Psychiatric Division, Louisville City Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky, and later assumed charge of the psychiatric services of the American Friends Service Committee. 3. James A., graduate of Colgate University, 1935, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and Harvard Medical school, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, 1939. He is now a lieutenant, medical corps, United States Naval Reserves, and served on the Pacific Ocean with the United States Marine Corps; he married, August 11, 1945, Ensign Doris Allen, of United States Naval Reserve Corps. 4. Dr. Phyllis Dingman, D. V. M., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, 1939, and at present practicing in Spring Valley, specializing in small animals.

WALTER TIMME, M. D.—As a physician, Dr. Walter Timme occupies a position of leadership in this region of New York State, having an office at No. 11 East Sixty-eighth Street, New York City, and a home in Cold Spring.

Dr. Timme was born February 24, 1874, in New York City, son of Frederick and Emma (Wirth) Timme. After completing his preliminary schooling, he entered the College of the City of New York, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Science in 1893. For his professional studies he went to Columbia University, where in 1897 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Afterward he had graduate studies at the University of Berlin, in 1912 and 1913. Beginning his medical practice in 1897, Dr. Timme was one who made rapid progress in his profession. He became chief of clinic at the Vanderbilt Clinic, New York, and also was made senior attending neurologist, director of the neuroendocrine department and consultant in endocrinology at the Neurological Institute of New York, as well as professor of clinical neurology at Columbia University.

He also became a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. For ten years he served as president of the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases, of which he was the founder. He is also a member of the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions and the New York Endocrine Society. He has served also as president of the Association of Alumni of the College of the City of New York. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Associates, having been elected to the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa in his student days. During the First World War he was military director of the New York Neurological Institute. He belongs to the Columbia University Club, the City College Club, the Marshall Chess Club of New York and the Highland Country Club of Garrison.

To his other attainments Dr. Timme has added that of authorship. He has written "Lectures in Endocrinology," published in 1923, and has contributed to different volumes issued by the Association for Research in Nervous and Medical Diseases, as well as to medical journals.

Dr. Walter Timme married, June 27, 1901, Ida Helen Haar.

REV. WILLIAM JOSEPH REMEY—Father Remy, born in New York City, July 29, 1895, studied at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York, and was ordained at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, May 21, 1921.

He was a curate at St. Veronica's Church on Christopher Street, New York City, for about three years. He was then transferred to Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, New York.

In 1926 he was sent to succeed the late Rev. A. Leo Blaznits at St. Mary's Church, Haverstraw, New York. There he has remained till this day, September 14, 1945.



Levi S. Morton

LEVI PARSONS MORTON—Long highly esteemed as a banker and public official, Levi Parsons Morton, of Rhinecliff, rendered outstanding service as United States Congressman, Minister to France, Vice-President of the United States and Governor of New York. He held many strong banking connections in this country and abroad, founding banking houses in both New York and London. A man of extensive and varied achievements and strong public spirit, he distinguished himself in the continuance of the fine old traditions of family, community and governmental life.

Mr. Morton was born May 16, 1824, in Shoreham, Vermont, son of the Rev. Daniel Oliver and Lucretia (Parsons) Morton, and a descendant of English ancestors. He was of the eighth generation of the family in America, six generations of Mortons having lived in the old family home in Middleboro, Massachusetts. George Morton, the immigrant ancestor of the paternal line, arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1623, aboard the ship "Ann." Previously, in England, he had served as financial agent in London for the "Mayflower" Pilgrims. His home in England was in Battery, Yorkshire. The Rev. Daniel Oliver Morton, Levi P. Morton's father, was the first of this line to enter the ministry, doing so shortly after his graduation from Middlebury College in 1812. He had a fruitful ministry in Shoreham, where the church membership increased notably, particularly during a revival period in the summer of 1821. His preaching was rigidly Calvinistic, though his personal softness of manner made his appeal persuasive. All his children remembered his "praying chair"; and when he was seated here, he was never to be interrupted. He married Lucretia Parsons, descendant of a line of priestly ancestors, seated in Northampton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Morton's brother, Levi Parsons, became one of the first foreign missionaries under the American Board of Missions, going to Palestine in that connection. He died at Alexandria, Egypt, in 1822. Levi P. Morton was probably named after this uncle in the hope that he, too, would become a missionary. When he did not do so, his aged grandfather, the Rev. Justin Sheldon Parsons, expressed misgivings concerning the young man's business success, saying, "I hear that Levi is prospering in this world's goods. I fear lest it be at cost to his soul."

Levi Parsons Morton attended Shoreham Academy, in his Vermont birthplace, where he was graduated. Since all available funds had been exhausted in the college and professional school education of his elder brother, Daniel O. Morton, Jr., who became a leading member of the Ohio bar, and the training of their sister, Lucretia Parsons, at Mount Holyoke College, Levi P. Morton was unable to go to college. In the home circle he learned "the formulas of grace" and absorbed the atmosphere

of culture and refinement that prevailed there. Stern as was his training, however, it was of a character building sort. And he always referred proudly to his Massachusetts ancestry and to the parsonage of his father, a place of "low living and high thinking." To his father's sternness and his mother's kindly discipline he attributed "such success as life has brought." He made it clear always that he would not exchange his Puritan New England ancestry for any aristocratic lineage in the world.

In 1832 the Mortons removed from Shoreham to Springfield, Vermont, where the father was assigned a church. In Springfield the boy attended the "Select School," which had been established under the influence of his father. In 1837 they removed to Winchendon, Massachusetts, where they lived for five years and where he attended the district school. His first business contract came there—an arrangement to ring the bell for church services, relieving the sexton "for a consideration." He later worked in a country store owned by Ezra Corey, in Enfield, New Hampshire, where he was to live as a member of the Corey family, learn the business and have \$50 a year. Much manual labor was required of him, but he gained a knowledge, too, of bookkeeping, buying, supply and demand and the mysteries of markets. After two years there, he taught school at Boscawen, New Hampshire, for a year, then became a clerk in the general store of W. W. Estabrook, in Concord, New Hampshire, at \$200-a-year salary. Again he lived with the proprietor's family, following a New England business custom of the day. When the business in Concord seemed doomed, Mr. Estabrook removed to Hanover, New Hampshire, where he established a store and made Mr. Morton its manager.

For Mr. Morton, the important thing in this new venture was the contact that it provided him with Dartmouth College. Small salaries led professors here to open their Hanover homes to student boarders, and Mr. Morton became such a boarder in the household of Professor Edwin David Sanborn, of the Latin department, whose wife was the daughter of Ezekiel Webster, Daniel Webster's elder brother. The Sanborn home was a social center, and it was there that Mr. Morton met his first wife, Lucy Young Kimball. Mr. Morton, on the business side, was successful in Hanover; but his chief, Mr. Estabrook, was failing in Concord, where the old store was still being operated. The chief creditor, James M. Beebe, investigating the new business along with the old, decided to continue the Hanover branch under Mr. Morton's management. Within a year he bought Mr. Beebe's holdings, and at twenty-one was a successful merchant in his own right, operating independently. Before long sales amounted to \$100,000 yearly, and success was accorded him at the same time along other lines.

For an early period Mr. Morton took political responsibility as seriously as business. He became an ardent Whig, and worked vigorously for Zachary Taylor's election as President in 1848. He was a toastmaster at a great Hanover celebration of General Taylor's election. In 1849 Mr. Morton accepted an offer to associate himself with the importing house of James M. Beebe & Company, in Boston, and so sought to enlarge his business opportunities. With the enlargement of the firm, in 1851, he became a junior partner at the same time when Junius Spencer Morgan was given an important partnership and the firm name was changed to J. M. Beebe, Morgan & Company. Mr. Morgan was the father of J. Pierpont Morgan, and so Mr. Morton formed a close friendship with the Morgan family, a relationship that endured more than fifty years. Mr. Beebe was already engaged in railway building as well as in business activities, and the Morgans brought banking and insurance into Mr. Morton's immediate environment. And in 1851 Mr. Morton was sent to Europe for a first-hand survey of business conditions. In 1854 he became New York representative of the Beebe company, establishing offices in Broadway, opposite Exchange Place, in the financial district, being drawn there by his observation of Junius S. Morgan's success as a partner in George Peabody & Company, in London, England.

It was on January 1, 1855, that Mr. Morton became head of Morton, Grinnell & Company, wholesale dry goods and commission house. His capital totaled \$100,000. The head of George Bird & Company, an importing house, wished to retire, but wished also to make a place for two nephews, F. B. and W. F. Grinnell. Proposing a plan to Mr. Morton, he thus took the step that led to the establishment of Morton, Grinnell & Company. Civil War conditions, making collection from southern customers impossible, brought bankruptcy and a suspension of operations in May, 1861. But by the end of the year business was resumed under a new policy and was prospering, although Mr. Morton's gaze was already turned to banking and finance as offering the greatest opportunity for the future. He continued the Morton-Grinnell business, however, until, considering his reputation reestablished, he turned to banking in 1863.

At No. 30 Wall Street he founded his own business as a banker, with Walter H. Burns and H. Cruger Oakley as partners. International exchanges furnished much of the profits, and Mr. Morton's acquaintance with Junius Spencer Morgan gave him access to European financial movements. L. P. Morton & Company, as his firm was known, grew and prospered, and by the end of the Civil War was highly successful. A New York correspondent wrote of Mr. Morton in 1868 as "one of the most prominent and respected bankers of this city and London . . . now engaged in . . . paying off liabilities . . . incurred years ago when he was a member of a dry goods firm

here." English connections of Mr. Morton had led, meanwhile, to establishment of a London branch, known as Morton, Burns & Company. The retirement of Mr. Oakley, in 1869, made possible an enlargement of the capital through the admittance of a new partner, George Bliss, who brought \$2,500,000 of new capital into the enterprise, as well as remarkable personal ability. The firm now became Morton, Bliss & Company. In the same year the entry of Sir John Rose into the London organization caused its name to be changed to Morton, Rose & Company.

Mr. Morton came to the fore now in connection with the issuance of government bonds, emerging as a financial rival of Jay Cooke, who had long controlled such matters. Further, Mr. Morton's rôle in the settlement of the so-called "Alabama claims," arising out of the Civil War, brought him considerable distinction. The United States had insisted that damages wrought by the "Alabama" and other southern vessels built in British ports and allowed to "escape" to sea as raiders were proper charges upon the British Government. Britain had disregarded such claims. Charles Sumner, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the United States Senate, had spoken boldly of British unfriendliness, and conditions reached a pass in which governments were endangered if any adjustment were effected. The international banking house of Morton, Rose & Company was in a position to serve in this emergency. Peering backward at such emergencies, the points immediately under argument seem less important than the fact that Mr. Morton, by constant communication with all individuals and groups involved, kept negotiations under way until a solution was reached.

Already, during the period of Grant's Presidency, the Mortons had entertained the Grants in their home; and Mr. Morton's influence in political circles was growing. It was as the choice of the Republican party, not at his own request, that he consented to become a candidate for Congress. Defeated in 1876 by his Democratic opponent, Benjamin A. Willis, he none the less substantially reduced his opponent's majority, which was less than five hundred in the 11th District instead of the customary two thousand five hundred. Shortly afterward Mr. Morton became one of thirty-two charter members of the New York Civil Service Reform Association. Service in 1878 as honorary commissioner to the Paris Exposition strengthened his position, and he was unanimously nominated on October 14, 1878, and elected by a majority of seven thousand, more than Willis' entire vote. He interpreted his own victory as "a verdict of the people, in favor of maintaining the national honor inviolate, of a currency redeemable in gold, and of the fitness of a man of business to represent in Congress this great district." Through the time that followed, until the close of his term, in 1881, Mr. Morton did much to reestablish the position

of the United States with respect to its finances, achieving results by virtue of sound banking knowledge and experience. He was a pioneer, too, on the side of immigration restriction, and a protectionist on the tariff question, with certain exceptions.

After valuable service in Congress, Mr. Morton returned to New York in 1880 to find a national career awaiting him. Urged to be a candidate for Vice-President, he finally decided against acceptance of the offer, whereupon Chester A. Arthur became the running mate of James A. Garfield. Seven months later, at the assassination of President Garfield, September 19, 1881, Mr. Arthur was made President. Meanwhile, Mr. Morton was renominated and reelected to Congress. President Garfield offered him the secretaryship of the navy, but Mr. Morton declined this position.

Then, on March 11, 1881, Mr. Morton was nominated as Minister to France, and the nomination was soon confirmed by the Senate. Sailing on July 20 aboard the "*L'Amérique*," he became, in France, a friend of Edouard René Lefebvre de Laboulaye, said by many to have been America's most conspicuous friend in that nation. At De Laboulaye's death, in 1883, Mr. Morton said:

He was a devoted friend of our country and our government; although he had never crossed the ocean, he knew America and American history, I dare say, better than many Americans. . . . He had become a recognized authority in France and in Europe upon all matters bearing upon the American system and its true relation to the great moral and philosophical principles which govern the world.

One of Mr. Morton's achievements as minister was that of obtaining better legal status for American corporations doing business in France. He helped, too, to lessen a disastrous discrimination against American meats. It was rapidly becoming clear, particularly to men of international experience, like Mr. Morton, that much that had theretofore passed as patriotism was but narrow provincialism. Accordingly, he did much to bring about the international monetary conference of 1882 and was elected its president, the aim being to promote the idea of more standard currencies. The question of dual citizenship also came up during his ministry.

Continuously Mr. Morton's services were in demand as a fund raiser for the Republican party, and late in 1884 James G. Blaine was urging such help from him. In France, Mr. Morton had served America and Americans well; and, as the "*British Morning News*" commented in Paris after the ceremonial leavetaking, he had rendered his country outstanding service, such as no previous minister had done, and would long be remembered by them. while "no future honors will be considered by them too lofty or too well deserved." Mr. Morton's major unfulfilled ambition was to become a United States Senator. Circumstances had frustrated his desires along these lines in 1881 and again in 1885. So, in 1886, he decided

to be a candidate before the New York Legislature for the Senatorial seat to which Warner Miller had been elected in 1881, but was once more defeated.

In 1888 Mr. Morton was nominated for Vice-President on the ticket headed by General Benjamin Harrison, and this ticket won the election. After the Republican national convention had made its selections, George W. Childs wrote to Mr. Morton: "The convention did a wise thing in nominating you, and would have done a wiser thing in making you the head of the ticket." As Vice-President, of course, Mr. Morton not merely sat in the Senate, as he had long wished to do, but presided over it. He made it his business to enforce Senate rules impartially and effectively, and his accomplishment in that connection was of outstanding importance in those days of reconstruction and rebuilding after the Civil War. Oratory sometimes rose so high as to threaten a resurging of the flames of violence; but Mr. Morton's stern hand held the reins of control and kept order. In 1892 the Republican convention passed over Mr. Morton, however, to nominate Whitelaw Reid for Vice-President, so doing much to lose the election. Both parties regretted the removal of Mr. Morton from this candidacy, but Mr. Morton himself seemed unperturbed. After the election, a southern editorialist commented: "Harrison and Reid were defeated and Mr. Morton shed no tears."

Though he left Washington, District of Columbia, with the statement, "My public career is over," he proved to be mistaken in this regard. The Republicans were looking upon him as their gubernatorial candidate of 1894 for New York State and even as Presidential timber for 1896. He won the governorship without campaigning, with a plurality of 156,108, a victory never equalled in any non-Presidential year except by Grover Cleveland in 1882. He had five competitors for the office. As Governor, Mr. Morton proved to be a singularly democratic and accessible figure, whom visitors might easily approach. When two important dignitaries were calling in his office, Governor Morton admitted a messenger boy and treated him with the same cordiality and dispatch that he had extended to the two men. Apologizing for the interruption, he said: "If the little fellow is detained, his employer will not know the reason and will blame him." Strongly acting to promote civil service reform, he named Silas Burt as commissioner, so winning high commendation from Theodore Roosevelt, who was then a United States civil service commissioner. Governor Morton also took steps to modernize the civil service system in New York so as to make it more impartial and fair, and was hailed throughout the Nation as having set a mode for other states. Another important problem that came up during his governorship was the creation of Greater New York. A commission was formed to prepare a city charter, which the Legislature adopted. It was vetoed by three mayors of the boroughs involved,

but was reenacted by the Legislature, and, on May 5, 1897, became law with the signature of Governor Morton's successor, Governor Black.

At the end of his term as Governor, Mr. Morton was seventy-two years old. His name had been given first place for the Presidential candidacy at the New York State Republican convention of that year, however, and it was now prominently mentioned in other parts of the Nation. In England, the hope of his becoming President was greeted with eagerness. When some said he was too old, Mr. Gladstone, retiring at eighty-six from a fourth premiership, replied: "He is a mere youngster." The rise of McKinley support and, particularly, of the political genius of Mark Hanna, carried McKinley to the nomination and to the White House, however; and Mr. Morton, despite considerable pressure, refused to be a candidate for a second term as Governor of New York.

He now threw his energies once more into the organization of Morton, Bliss & Company, of New York City. To meet a trend, he dissolved that company, and, combining forces with other New York leaders, established the Morton Trust Company. Opening for business October 1, 1899, the new banking house made rapid forward strides. Despite the fact that the new trust company represented a combination of interests, Mr. Morton's personality stood at the helm. When his board expressed doubts as to the soundness of taking up San Domingo bonds, he said: "If the Morton Trust Company does not want the loan, I will take it." The directors immediately yielded. This was typical of his strength and of the belief of others in him. The trend toward consolidation that had brought the Morton Trust Company into existence, however, now carried events in their further course, and the Morton Trust Company was absorbed, in turn, by the Guaranty Trust Company. At the age of eighty-five years, Mr. Morton was elected chairman of the board of directors, an honor that J. P. Morgan and his associates considered fitting and proper. So closed Mr. Morton's long business career.

Aside from business and politics, in both of which he achieved so much, he was active along other lines of endeavor. He belonged to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Sons of the Revolution, the New England Society, the Union League Club, the Metropolitan Club, the Lawyers' Club and the Down Town Club of New York. He was warmly interested in the plan to build a great cathedral on Morningside Heights, New York City—the plan out of which grew the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

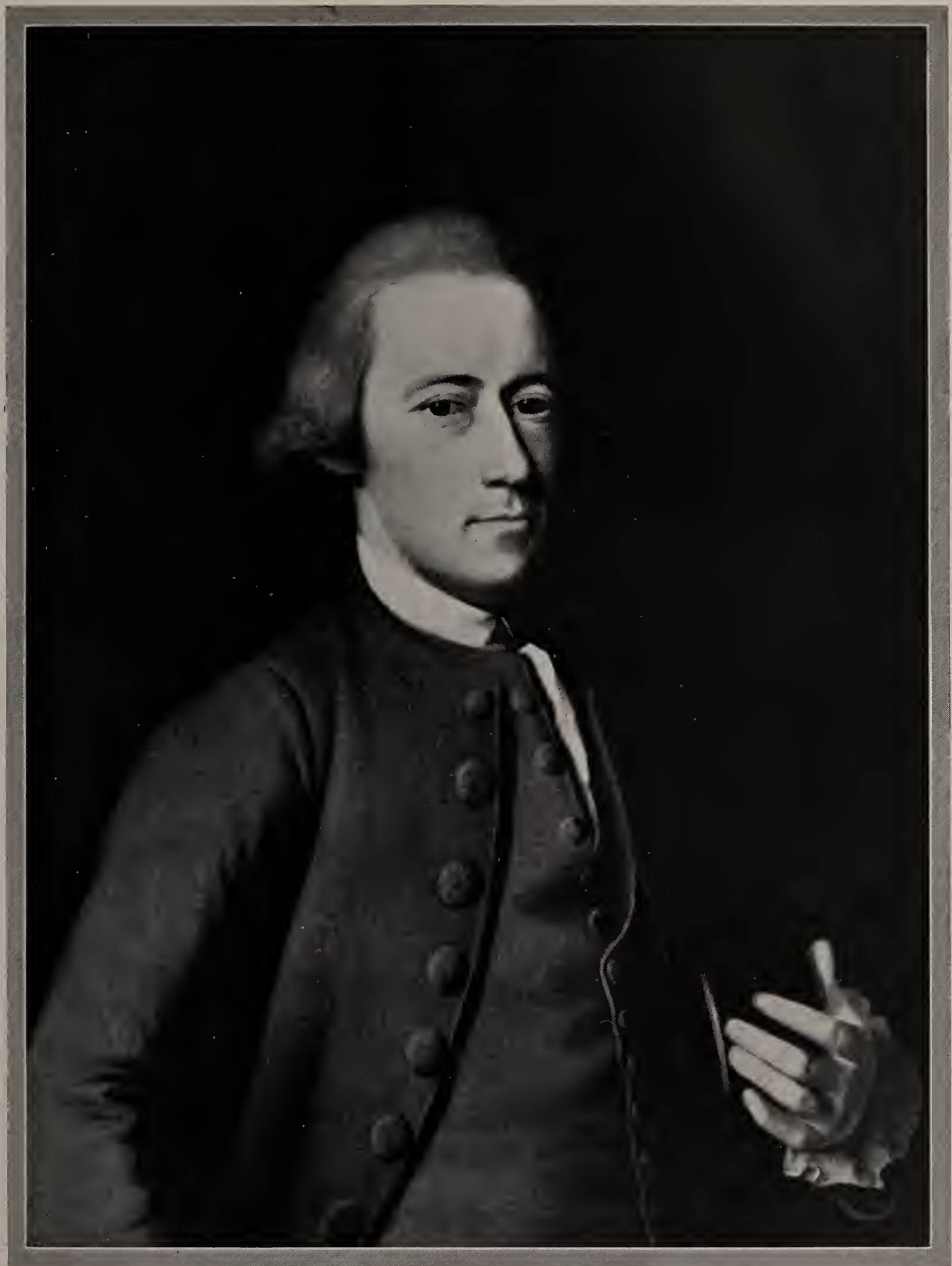
Levi P. Morton married (first), October 15, 1856, at Flatbush, Long Island, Lucy Young Kimball, daughter of Elijah Huntington and Sarah (Wetmore) Kimball. The Wetmores were an old Connecticut family, and Mrs. Morton's father was a man of position and influence. Her

uncle, C. B. Haddock, was United States Minister to Portugal. She died in 1871. On February 12, 1873, Mr. Morton married (second) Anna Livingston Reade Street, of Poughkeepsie, New York, born there in 1846, daughter of William Ingraham and Susan Watts (Kearny) Street. Her father practiced law for years in Poughkeepsie, where he died in 1863. His brother, Alfred Billings Street, was an author and poet. The Street family dates back to the Rev. Nicholas Street, of Taunton, Massachusetts, graduated from Oxford University, who came in 1624 to America. Levi P. Morton had five children: 1. Edith Livingston. 2. Lena. 3. Helen. 4. Alice. 5. Mary.

The death of Levi P. Morton, May 16, 1920, on his ninety-sixth birthday, occurred at his one thousand-acre estate, "Ellerslie," at Rhinecliff-on-Hudson, New York. So there passed from the American scene an individual of outstanding attainment, one who represented the most vigorous and straightforward American tradition, yet who thought always of others and what he could do for them. This quality was evidenced in many ways, endearing him always to those around him. The world is, indeed, the richer for his having lived.

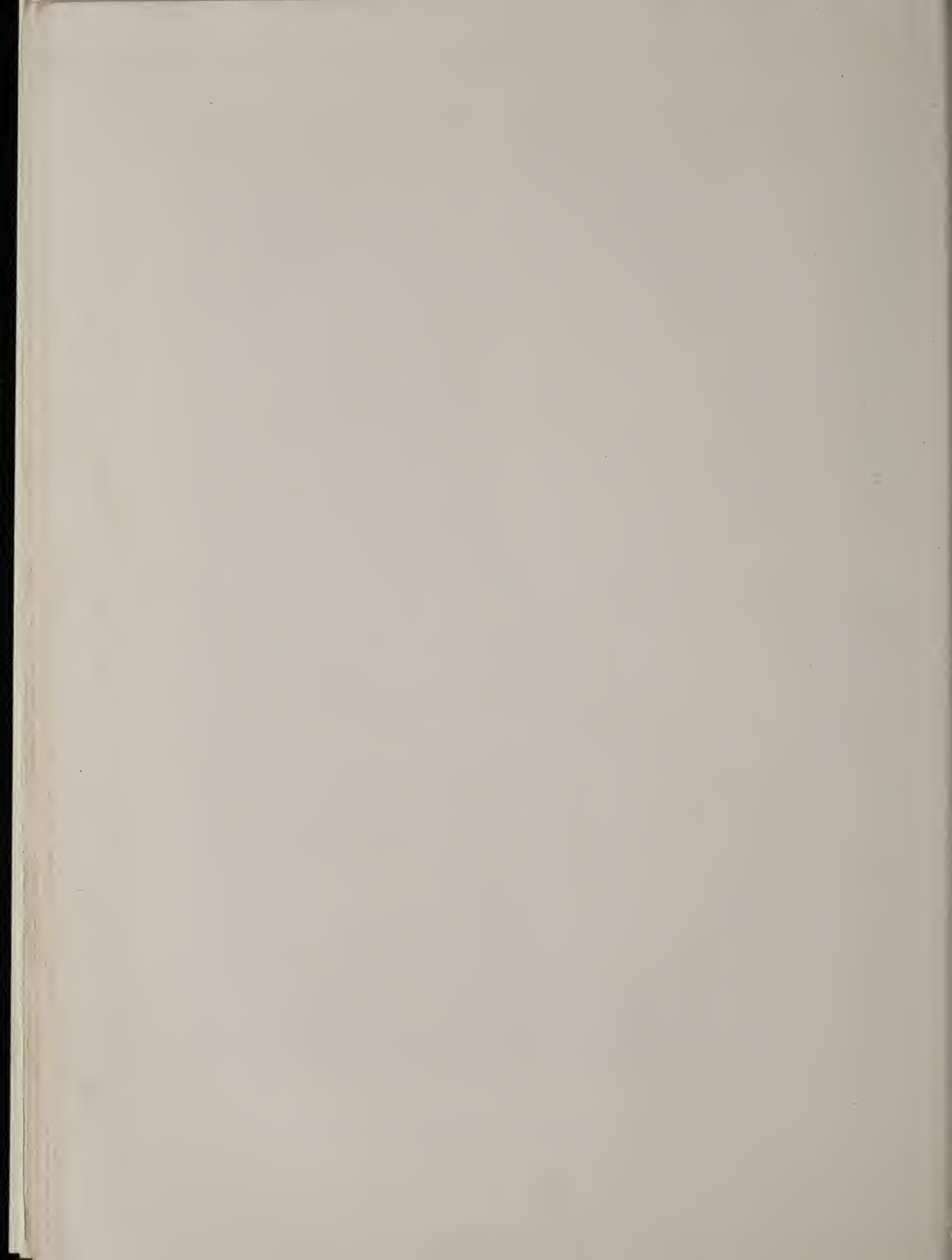
JOHN BAYARD RODGERS VERPLANCK—As banker, farmer and aviator, John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck of The Spook Field, has figured prominently in the life of this part of New York State. A resident of Beacon, he has taken an active rôle in the work of many organizations, is president of the Fishkill National Bank, the Howland Circulating Library Company, and the Fishkill Rural Cemetery. He has made, with other members of his family, distinctive contributions to art, science and culture.

For more than three centuries the Verplanck family has been prominent in service to State and Nation in both war and peace. The first-recorded member of the family in New York was Abraham VerPlancken, a beaver trader, who in 1638 bought the land now covered by Hoboken and Jersey City for 550 guilders from Director General Kieft, of New Netherland. Nearly fifty years later Gulian Verplanck, one of several generations of Gulians in the family, obtained, with Francis Rombout, the Rombout patent in southern Dutchess County. For the eighty-five thousand acres of land they paid the Indians an amount which represented a considerable increase over the \$24 paid for Manhattan Island. The list of coins and goods paid by Verplanck and Rombout for that patent included one hundred royals (coin worth \$250), three hundred fathoms of wampum, blankets, shirts, coats, stockings, cloth, knives, kettles, hatchets, hoes, guns, powder, lead, beer, rum and tobacco—total value, about \$1,250. About 1730 another Gulian Verplanck, grandson of the first Gulian, a merchant who carried on extensive trade with the West Indies and Europe, built "Mount Gulian" on his portion of the patent partitioned from the original



(Courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art)

Portrait of Samuel Verplanck (1739-1820) by Copley



tract. He erected, on a site overlooking the Hudson, this ample and dignified homestead and set about developing the land for agricultural purposes. Mount Gulian was the scene of many historic gatherings. During the Revolution it was the headquarters of Baron von Steuben. In the gristmill on the property at the mouth of the Stony Kill were stored large quantities of flour for the Continental Army. In 1783 General Washington met here with his officers and the officers of the other branches of the American forces to form the Society of the Cincinnati, and it was in this house that the society was organized. Mount Gulian continued as a center of many interesting developments and events until it was destroyed by fire in 1931. Only the thick stone walls stand today, although the surrounding farm remains in the Verplanck family. It lies adjacent to The Spook Field, also on the patent, where John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck today has his home. The original Mount Gulian homestead property was deeded to Rombout and Verplanck, August 8-14, 1683, as recorded in the Book of Patents, page 72, at Albany, and by letters patent from James II of England, October 17, 1685, through Thomas Dongan, Lieutenant Governor and Vice Admiral. The deed is reprinted in full in William Edward Verplanck's book, "The Verplanck Family, 1638-1892," called on the title page "The History of Abraham Isaacse Verplanck and His Male Descendants in America," which is to be found in the Albany Library, the New York Public Library at Forty-second Street and Fifth Avenue, and the Howland Library in Beacon. It is an interesting, entertaining and instructive volume.

In addition to the Mount Gulian property, Gulian also owned what has been described as a "Lott of ground with houses and buildings thereon in Wall Street near the City Hall." That record, of course, referred to Wall Street, New York City. That residence, a brick building, passed to Gulian Verplanck's son, Samuel, and was listed as No. 3 Wall Street. Samuel Verplanck, who lived through the exciting Revolutionary period, made his home at Mount Gulian and Fishkill Plains during the war, but previously resided at the Wall Street site, now occupied by the assay office. He was a member of the committee of safety and a governor of King's College, that later became Columbia University. He gave land to Trinity Church, Fishkill, for its "Glebe Farm," which is still in its possession. The Episcopal Church of Hopewell also stands on land that he donated. This same Samuel Verplanck was graduated in 1758 as a member of the first class of King's College, Columbia's predecessor, founded by George III. He then went to Holland to study banking, and in that country on April 26, 1761, married his cousin, Judith Crommelin. The marriage contract characterizes Judith as a "spinster under age" and the bridegroom as a "bachelor between 21 and 22 years old." Judith's dowry was ample, the contract list-

ing twenty-five thousand florins, much diamond jewelry and pearls, also linen, laces and silverware. In 1763 she and her husband moved into the Wall Street house in New York, and Samuel Verplanck at once took a lively rôle in civic affairs in the metropolis. A Colonial deed describes him as "a merchant, Gentleman, Citizen of New York, Burgher of Amsterdam, and a Governour of King's College." He was one of the founders in 1768 of the New York Chamber of Commerce, the oldest business organization in the country that is still in existence. In 1775 he joined the Committee of One Hundred. He was a delegate to the Provincial Congress, and signed the Declaration of Association and Union against Great Britain. Although he lent his full efforts to the Revolution, his wife remained a Loyalist. She stayed in Wall Street in 1776, when the British occupied Manhattan, and her husband retired to Mount Gulian, in Fishkill. During a part of the conflict he lived at his cousin Philip Verplanck's place on Sprout Creek, Fishkill Plains, while Baron von Steuben occupied Mount Gulian. Meanwhile, British officers were guests in his Wall Street home.

The Verplancks' New York house was well furnished and the history and movements of their furniture through several generations is in itself an interesting story. Between 1763 and 1803 most of this furniture graced the Wall Street house, between Nassau and William streets; and during the Revolution it made many a British officer feel at home, affording an atmosphere as gracious and urban as any London residence. Some of the original contents of No. 3 Wall Street have, of course, become scattered by inheritance. In fact, it is estimated that Samuel's and Judith's possessions have furnished three or four houses. But the main portion of the furniture of the mansion passed on through the fifth generation in New York, and now is owned by members of the Verplanck family. In 1803, the furniture was brought up the Hudson to Mount Gulian, where most of it remained until its removal to Stony Kill nearby, in the early eighties of the last century. From Stony Kill many of the heirlooms were taken to The Spook Field when this house was built in 1914 by the present owner.

Years later, in 1941, through the generosity of John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck and his brother, James Delancey Verplanck, the "Verplanck Room" was established at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Thereupon some of the furniture of the old Wall Street house made a return trip to the metropolis after more than 135 years in Dutchess County. Cabinets, mirrors, paintings, china, silver, Chippendale chairs and many other items, unloaded at Fishkill Landing in 1803, were brought to the American Wing of the Metropolitan in the early forties of the present century. The material in this "Verplanck Drawing Room," whatever other distinctions it has, is a rarity in that every piece of furniture,

every candlestick, and teacup, belonged in pre-Revolutionary days to one family.

All these heirlooms are housed in a room built especially for the purpose on the second floor of the American Wing. The contemporary panelling is painted a bluish gray, and the plastered walls are white—all in keeping with the characteristic New York interior treatment of the eighteenth century before 1776. Most of the room's furniture was made, it appears, in the shop of one Manhattan craftsman. The style is a New York interpretation of Chippendale, bold of proportion and simple of enrichment in the traditional Dutch manner. However, many of the pieces were imported from Holland and England. Items arranged here include a high-backed settee, an easy chair, an armchair, eight side chairs, a gaming table, a tea table and two stools. Upholstered pieces include a rich covering of harateen, a fine wool damask of canary yellow. The material had been preserved in the Verplanck family for 170 years. The same damask appears in the window curtains, designed from pre-Revolutionary paintings and drawings. Two marble-topped pier tables are older than the Chippendale period, and may have belonged to Gulian and Mary Verplanck, Samuel's parents. The imported pieces include a resplendent Queen Anne secretary, japanned in red and gold, and a large looking-glass with gilded frame in the Chinese Chippendale style. Just opposite the drawing room entrance is Copley's portrait of Samuel Verplanck himself, his countenance focussing interest in a determined but untroubled way above the quiet red costume, the whole against a tobacco-brown background. It is this picture that is reproduced in this article. Samuel Verplanck was thirty-two years old when it was painted, four years before he took his place side by side with the revolutionists of his day. Copley painted three Verplanck portraits, the others being of Gulian, Samuel's younger brother, the fourth president of the Bank of New York, and of Daniel, Samuel's son, who became a member of Congress and a Dutchess County judge. On the table in the Verplanck room are two miniatures, one of Samuel Verplanck as a young man in Paris, the other of Daniel Crommelin, Judith's father, of Amsterdam, Holland. Other pictures include "Noah's Ark," a large late seventeenth century Dutch work depicting birds and beasts with almost photographic care; and, above the mantel, a pair of paintings of Venus and Eros by Angelica Kauffmann, gifts from Lord Howe to Mrs. Verplanck. Sir William Howe, the British commander-in-chief during the Revolution, was a frequent visitor at the Verplanck mansion, and after his recall to England he sent his hostess several presents which are included in the Verplanck collection in the Metropolitan. Although letters from Judith's father, Daniel Crommelin, in Holland, expressed concern for her safety, she seems to have been in reasonably safe hands and free from danger.

In fact, she may have enjoyed tolerably well those days of excitement and, for many, of difficulty. Another present from Lord Howe is the French porcelain tea set, decorated with corn-flowers and gold bands. With it, on the tea table, are a fine silver kettle-on-stand, and two rococo candlesticks from an original set of twelve.

During the "China trade" period every colonial house had its Chinese export porcelain. Here, accordingly, are pieces of Chi'en Lung ware from the Verplanck-Walton dinner set, with a famille rose decoration, displayed in a cupboard at the left of the chimney. The corresponding cupboard on the right stands open and shows a dress of sprigged brocade—Judith's wedding gown. Beside it now hangs an embroidered satin waistcoat belonging to Samuel. Under the terms of the gift to the Metropolitan, nothing may be added to the Verplanck room that is later than 1776, nor anything that is not from the Verplanck family. In addition to gifts from John Bayard Rodgers and James DeLancey Verplanck, contributions are to be found from other Verplanck descendants, including Mrs. Ernest R. Ade, Mrs. T. Bache Bleeker, the Misses Edith Johnson, Gertrude and Mary Eastwood Knevels, Louisa Verplanck Richards, Judith C. Ver Planck, Mrs. Guy Richards, Mrs. Robert Newlin Verplanck and W. Everett VerPlanck.

Of the fifth generation in direct descent from the original patentee, Gulian Verplanck, came Daniel C. Verplanck, first of the family to make his permanent home in Fishkill. He was active in civic affairs in Dutchess County, and was for several terms a member of Congress and long a county judge, as indicated above. He had ten children. The best known and most illustrious was Gulian Crommelin, born at 3 Wall Street, August 6, 1786, and died at his town house on 14th Street in 1870. He entered Columbia at the age of eleven, graduating in 1801 and was admitted to the bar in 1807. He was a political opponent of DeWitt Clinton as mayor of New York but supported him strongly in the Erie Canal project. Gulian C. was in the State Legislature for four years and was then sent to Congress for four successive terms, retiring in 1833. He then served in the State Senate from 1837 to 1841. He took an active part in the Court of Errors and Appeals, and many of his opinions are cited today. He was also editor of an important edition of Shakespeare, illustrated by Meadows. His son, William S. Verplanck, was an incorporator of the First National Bank of Fishkill Landing, Charter No. 35, and one of its directors for twelve years preceding his death in 1885. He was a lawyer by profession, but gave up the law to become a farmer. His home, "New Place," was built in 1847 soon after his marriage. Another of Daniel C. Verplanck's grandsons, Samuel Verplanck, was connected with the bank management for thirty-two years, as vice-president and a director. His son is the John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck whose name

heads this review. This Samuel Verplanck, born at Stony Kill, town of Fishkill, in 1840, died in December, 1911, married Anna S. Rodgers, who was born in 1840 in New York City and died in 1895.

John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck and his brother, James DeLancey Verplanck, made possible the Verplanck room in the Metropolitan Museum. Together, also, in 1942, they gave to the department of education of the State of New York the Verplanck Stony Kill Farms, consisting of farm lands, cottages, farm buildings and a residence. This property, 753 acres in extent, is to be known as the Verplanck Stony Kill Farms, and is to be operated by the department of education under the direction of the State Institution of Applied Agriculture, of Farmingdale, Long Island. Stony Kill Farms, thus given to the State for use by the Bureau of Agricultural Education, Department of Education, October 28, 1942, is the best developed of the lands continuously owned by the Verplancks in their third of the Rombout patent, mentioned above. The history of the patent included the death of Gulian Verplanck, the Verplanck family patentee, soon after the patent was issued. But his children inherited his share, and Stephanus Van Cortlandt took up one-third of the eighty-five thousand acres. In the partition that was finally effected the Verplancks got the central third, from the river to the town of Beekman (Beekman Patent). Stony Kill is about a mile from the Hudson, on Route 9D, three miles north of Fishkill Landing, now Beacon. The oldest map of the patent was owned by Philip Verplanck, of Yonkers, but is now, with many of the family papers, in the possession of the New York Historical Society. The "Year Book" of the Dutchess County Historical Society for 1939 contains, on page 53, an excellent map, with all the patents superimposed.

John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck, with his brother the co-founder of the Verplanck room at the Metropolitan and of the Verplanck Stony Kill Farms, was born October 8, 1881, at Stony Kill, Fishkill-on-Hudson. He attended the Cornwall Heights School from 1894 to 1898, Hotchkiss School from 1898 to 1900, Columbia University from 1900 to 1904, and Cornell University, where he received a certificate in agriculture in 1907. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia (1904). In 1909 he attended the New Jersey State College of Agriculture. He is a man of many interests. Early in his career he became an enthusiastic flyer. He learned with the Curtiss Aviation School in 1913, and in that year received the gold medal of the Aero Club of America for winning the Great Lakes aeronautical cruise in his own flying boat, the first stock flying boat ever produced by Curtiss. Holding F. A. I.-hydroaeroplane license No. 35, he was active as a professional aviator from 1913 to 1921, and from 1919 to 1921 was organizer and president of the Verplanck Flyers.

Long interested in banking and farming, like other members of his family. John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck became manager of the Stony Kill Dairy Farms in 1907. He was made a director of the Fishkill National Bank of Beacon, formerly the First National of Fishkill Landing, in 1921, was vice-president from 1924 to 1935, and was made president in 1935. So continuing down to the time of writing, Mr. Verplanck has done much to further this bank's interests. During his connection with it, including his presidency, he has helped increase its deposits and build up the number and the profit-producing character of its loans for the community's business and personal needs. The original capital of the bank, which was opened in September, 1863, was \$50,000. In November of the same year the figure was boosted to \$100,000. In December, the first dividend of three and one-half per cent., payable January 2, 1864, was declared.

When the Mechanics' Savings Bank was formed in 1866, the first president was General Joseph Howland; the second, William S. Verplanck, mentioned above. Both were among the Fishkill bank's original incorporators. J. B. R. Verplanck continues the family's interest in banking in this region through serving as president of the Fishkill National Bank.

In addition to his connection with this Beacon financial institution, Mr. Verplanck is active in other branches of community life. Since 1941 he has been president of the Fishkill Rural Cemetery of Fishkill. He has rendered valuable service, also, as president of the Howland Circulating Library, of Beacon, for the past twenty-five years, and is a member of the Columbia University Club, the Mantoloking Yacht Club, the Chelsea Yacht Club, and the Mid-Hudson United States Power Squadron. In politics he follows an independent course, and he has been vestryman and warden of Trinity Church, Fishkill, since 1912. In April, 1917, when the United States entered the First World War, Mr. Verplanck became commanding ensign of naval aviation, and in that year he recruited and established the 1st Aeronautical Division, 4th Battalion, New York Naval Militia, which was taken into the navy. He is also past president of the Veterans Association of the Naval Militia 4th Battalion, New York, and a member of the Dutchess County War Council.

John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck married, in June, 1911, in Fishkill, New York, Susan Van Wyck, daughter of James Watson and Laura Hoppock Cotheal Andrews.

DEAN H. TEMPLE—Among the interesting features of the annals of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, is the fact that it has one of the longest established Young Men's Christian associations in New York State. This institution has not escaped the usual high and low points in the history of religious and social organizations in America, but has been fortunate in its supporters and those who have been at its head directing the course of

its services of the community. In comparatively recent years, 1938 to be exact, Dean H. Temple came to the city to be general secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association. His had been an experience in this type of work since his return from abroad as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, in the First World War. He not only has carried forward the traditions and public service of the Poughkeepsie organization, but he has constantly advanced and bettered most phases of its activities.

Mr. Temple was born in Warren County, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1896, son of Arthur and Lillian (Healy) Temple, natives of Wellsville, Chautauqua County, New York, his father being long connected with railroading. After attending the public schools, Dean H. Temple matriculated at Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1919, a Bachelor of Arts. Since that time he has taken other educational and technical courses, in connection with his career. As already indicated, he was with the American Expeditionary Forces, during World War I, a sergeant of Field Hospital, No. 147, in France and Belgium.

Almost from boyhood Dean H. Temple has been interested in physical education and "Y" work. Upon his return to civilian life, and graduation from college, he went to the Huntington, West Virginia public schools, coaching and teaching physical education for six years. He then served The Young Men's Christian Association of Elmira, New York, as physical director, boys' and men's camps director and associate general secretary, where he remained until 1938. His excellent record of achievement attracted the attention of the directors of the Poughkeepsie Young Men's Christian Association, when they sought a new general secretary of their association, and he was called in that same year to the post he has since filled so capably.

Mr. Temple not only heads the endeavors of the Young Men's Christian Association in the county seat of Dutchess County, but participates constructively in many phases of its life and affairs. He is a member of the Rotary Club; was treasurer of the chamber of commerce of the city, and is identified prominently with religious and humanitarian projects. He attends the Baptist Church, where he is superintendent of its Sunday school. Mr. Temple is a former president of the New York State Association of Physical Directors. As a contribution to the annals of Poughkeepsie and its "Y" a brief history is appended to this review.

In 1921, Dean H. Temple married Grace Pittman, of Elmira, New York, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Jean Adair, a 1943 graduate of Vassar College. 2. Dean H. Temple, Jr., a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School. 3. Richard R. Temple, attending local schools.

The first Young Men's Christian Association was organized in London, 1844, by George Williams (later knighted for his service through this organization). The Poughkeepsie Young Men's Christian Association was proposed just eighteen years later—1862—(The official organization meeting was held at the First Methodist Church August 21, 1863.) J. H. Mathews was the first president. First quarters were rented rooms, corner of Main and Market streets. Free reading materials were provided, literary and religious pursuits being the major part of the program. Civil War soldiers quartered at what was called the "Soldiers' Rest" were also provided with reading materials—(a Civil War version of the present USO service to men in uniform). There were 122 members the first year as compared with 1347 as of October 31, 1942. The total budget of the first year was \$826 as compared with \$35,250 as of October 31, 1942 (end of the fiscal year).

The fundamental purpose of the Young Men's Christian Association as stated by its first president, Mr. J. H. Mathews, remains the same: "The object of our society is to lead young men away from all that is evil and to bring them into contact with that which is only good in its influence."

In May, 1872, the Young Men's Christian Association occupied its second home, a building at Main and Washington streets, not leased but owned by the association. These accommodations were much more spacious, containing a gymnasium and other program rooms. There a program of physical exercise was instituted and added to the growing program of literary, religious and community service activities. Work for younger boys was begun in 1875, but a boys' department was not officially established until 1883. Poughkeepsie has the distinction of being the first association to employ a regular secretary for "Boys' Branch" work. L. W. Barnes was the secretary, employed in 1888. Boys' Branch members under his guidance totaled 310 in 1888.

Since the early days of the association William W. Smith, who with his brother, Andrew, founded the Smith Brothers Manufacturing Company, has been vitally interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. Through his generous gift the Young Men's Christian Association was provided in 1908 with its third home at No. 60 Market Street, the site which it now occupies. Although thirty-six years old now this spacious, well-planned building, with its athletic field, continues to serve the needs of local young men and boys quite adequately. The "reading rooms" are still here—two of them. In addition, however, there are two gymnasias, one of the first swimming pools constructed of tile, large locker rooms, game rooms, dining rooms and kitchens, music room, thirty-five residence rooms and a complete unit of rooms solely for the use of the boys. A staff of four trained secretaries together with ten other

employees serve the hundreds of members and the community at large.

William W. Smith did not cease his benefactions to the Young Men's Christian Association with his generous gift of the building but provided an endowment fund which still furnishes some of the necessary funds for operating the program. Largely through his far-sighted philanthropy the boys' Camp Wa-Wa-Segowea came into being. No association in the East has a better site for a boys' camp—555 acres of wooded hills and fields in the Berkshires with a small lake in the heart of it, equipped with fourteen permanent buildings and every necessary facility for camping.

The general secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association: E. Uhl, 1874-76; W. H. Morris, 1876-1882; W. P. Drew, 1882; T. E. Phillips, 1883-92; Frederick White, 1893-95; A. H. Wardle, 1895-1902; Leland H. Shaw, 1902-38, secretary when present building was planned and erected; Dean H. Temple, 1938 to present.

Presidents: 1863-69, John M. Mathews; 1869-70, Leonard C. Winslow; 1870-71, John I. Platt; 1871-75, Mitchell Downing; 1875-79, Edmund P. Platt; 1879-82, Benson Van Vliet; 1882-88, William W. Smith; 1888-92, Charles P. Angell; 1892-93, William W. Smith; 1893-96, Guilford Dudley; 1896-99, James B. Platt; 1899-1901, D. Crosby Foster; 1901 to 1943, DeWitt Clinton Matthews, J. H. Young, Raymond G. Guernsey, William W. Smith, 2d, William Bancroft Hill, John I. Lane, Chester Husted, Joseph B. Bisbee.

MARTENSE H. CORNELL—A native of historic Dutchess County, Martense H. Cornell has been one of the local leaders in the investigation of past records of this district, both in the historical and genealogical divisions of research. He is a resident of Wappingers Falls, and has during his lifetime here become thoroughly identified with the various facets of life in the village. Civic affairs have attracted his interest, and drawn his support to proposals which appear to be of general advantage to the citizenry. In addition to his absorption in research, Mr. Cornell has given his attention to local institutions of a financial, social, and religious nature.

Mr. Cornell was born at Wappingers Falls on December 26, 1884, son of Dr. Isaac Martense and Elizabeth Woolsey (Harcourt) Cornell. His father, a native of Dutchess County, was active here as a physician prior to his death July 16, 1921. His mother, also a native of Dutchess County, died June 25, 1943, having attained the age of eighty-one years. Records of the Cornell family held by Martense H. Cornell show evidence that it dates back to 1740 in America.

One of the institutions of Wappingers Falls with which a number of members of the Cornell family have been associated is the Wappinger Savings Bank. Mr. Cornell's maternal grandfather, Joseph D. Harcourt, was a mem-

ber of the board of trustees of the bank. An uncle, J. Wyckoff Cornell was a treasurer of this institution, and another uncle, on Mr. Cornell's mother's side, I. T. N. Harcourt, held the office of president of the Wappinger Savings Bank. Martense H. Cornell is a member of the board of trustees of the institution and a vice-president.

Mr. Cornell grew up at Wappingers Falls, attended the public schools here, and received there the customary general education. He then continued his studies at the Riverview Military Academy.

One of the independent scholars interested in the records of previous generations in this district, Mr. Cornell is in association with people of similar interest through his membership in the Dutchess County Historical Society. His social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

On April 9, 1913, Martense H. Cornell married Edith H. Kerper, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. They are communicants of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Cornell is an elder, and are active together in the social and civic enterprises of the Wappingers Falls community.

WILLIAM J. WORKMAN—It is not necessary to travel so far as a hundred miles up the Hudson River to find communities where the best traditions of old American individualistic enterprise and life remain intact; where men like William J. Workman of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, can look back over a record of varied private enterprises and useful public service in this section, more particularly the county seat, Poughkeepsie. He is not a native of this part of New York, but of New Rochelle, born January 16, 1870, son of James and Catherine (Scott) Workman, both natives of Ireland, and both now deceased.

William J. Workman is a self-made man and early began earning his own livelihood. His first employment of note was in a grocery store, and he was considered to have advanced very far when he became assistant postmaster in the village of New Hamburg.

William J. Workman was associated with the Millard Lumber Company, of Poughkeepsie, for thirty-five years, first as a stenographer, later becoming secretary and treasurer. In 1926 he sold out his interest in this concern to devote more attention to private affairs. In 1911 he was elected a trustee of the Wappinger Savings Bank and in 1926 he was elected president, of which he has since continued to be head, assuming the leadership just at a time when a major financial depression was on the horizon of national affairs. He has borne a heavy responsibility through the changing years since then. The Wappinger Savings Bank is in its own right a notable institution and has been presided over by many outstanding men in this section of New York. Founded in 1869, its presidents down through the years have been:

Samuel W. Johnson, 1869-81; W. Henry Reese, 1882-1884; Samuel W. Mansfield, 1884-1906; James S. Roy, 1906-13; James R. Barlow, 1913-18; I. T. N. Harcourt, 1919-26; William J. Workman, 1926 to present. The treasurers of the institution are as follows: Clayton E. Sweet, 1869-71; William H. Reese, 1871-81; William A. Brewster, 1881-1931; J. Wyckoff Cornell, 1931-33; and Kenneth Van Voorhis, 1933 to the present time.

Mr. Workman has compiled a number of splendid records during a half century and more as a prominent citizen. He was justice of the peace at Poughkeepsie for many years; member of the school board, town of Poughkeepsie for many years; member of the first board of visitors of the Wassaic State School; and was connected with a variety of civic-minded organizations from young manhood. During the First World War, Mr. Workman went all out for its successful prosecution. There had been no need for his military services during the Spanish-American War, and he was past the age of acceptance in 1917, but he gave personal leadership to the several drives for the purchase of Liberty and Victory bonds, and the raising of funds for such humanitarian agencies as the Red Cross and others. Fraternally Mr. Workman is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church, and gives liberal support to religious and charitable activities and since 1922 has been a member of the board of trustees of the Wappingers Falls Cemetery, Inc., and treasurer of the Grinnell Library Association since 1919. He has been an active member of the Brennan Concert Band in New Hamburg, New York, since 1888.

In 1890, William J. Workman married Rowena Baxter, of Wappingers Falls, New York.

WILBUR G. MALCOLM, M. S., Ph. D.—The Lederle Laboratories, Inc., of Pearl River, Rockland County, is one of the outstanding organizations of its kind in our country, and has rendered services of enormous value to the health and wealth of the United States, both in the fields of human and animal interests. Its growth and usefulness have been the direct result of attracting gifted and trained men to its work, such as Dr. Wilbur G. Malcolm, executive vice-president of Lederle Laboratories, Inc., and a director of the American Cyanamid Company of which Lederle Laboratories is a unit.

Dr. Malcolm was born at Moscow Mills, Maryland, June 22, 1902, son of William Henry and Annie (Thomas) Malcolm, members of long established Southern families. From Virginia an ancestor removed to Maryland shortly after the War Between the States, and thereafter descendants have been residents of the

State. William Henry Malcolm is now retired from business activities.

Dr. Malcolm attended the schools of his birthplace; was graduated from the Barton (Maryland) High School with the class of 1918, and matriculated at the University of Maryland, where four years later he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. Continuing his studies with his *alma mater*, he earned the Master of Science degree in 1922, and also is a Doctor of Philosophy, University of Maryland, 1930. During these scholastic years he was acquiring experience in the field of which he was to make a career, and from 1930 to 1934 was senior bacteriologist for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Since 1934 he has been with the Lederle Laboratories, Inc., at Pearl River, Rockland County, first as assistant director and since 1939 as director, and finally general manager, a major factor in the tremendous output of pharmaceutical biologicals and other materials that go to our soldiers at home and abroad. Dr. Malcolm is a member of the Sigma Xi honorary scientific fraternity, of the New York Academy of Sciences, and of the Society of American Bacteriologists. He plays golf as a member of the Rockland Country Club and does some fishing when time and vacations permit. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On January 11, 1928, in Virginia, Wilbur G. Malcolm married Gwennie Bennie, of Washington, District of Columbia, daughter of Crawford and Gwennie (Davis) Bennie. Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm are the parents of two sons, both born at Pearl River: Bryant, born September 4, 1934; Peter, born October 6, 1937.

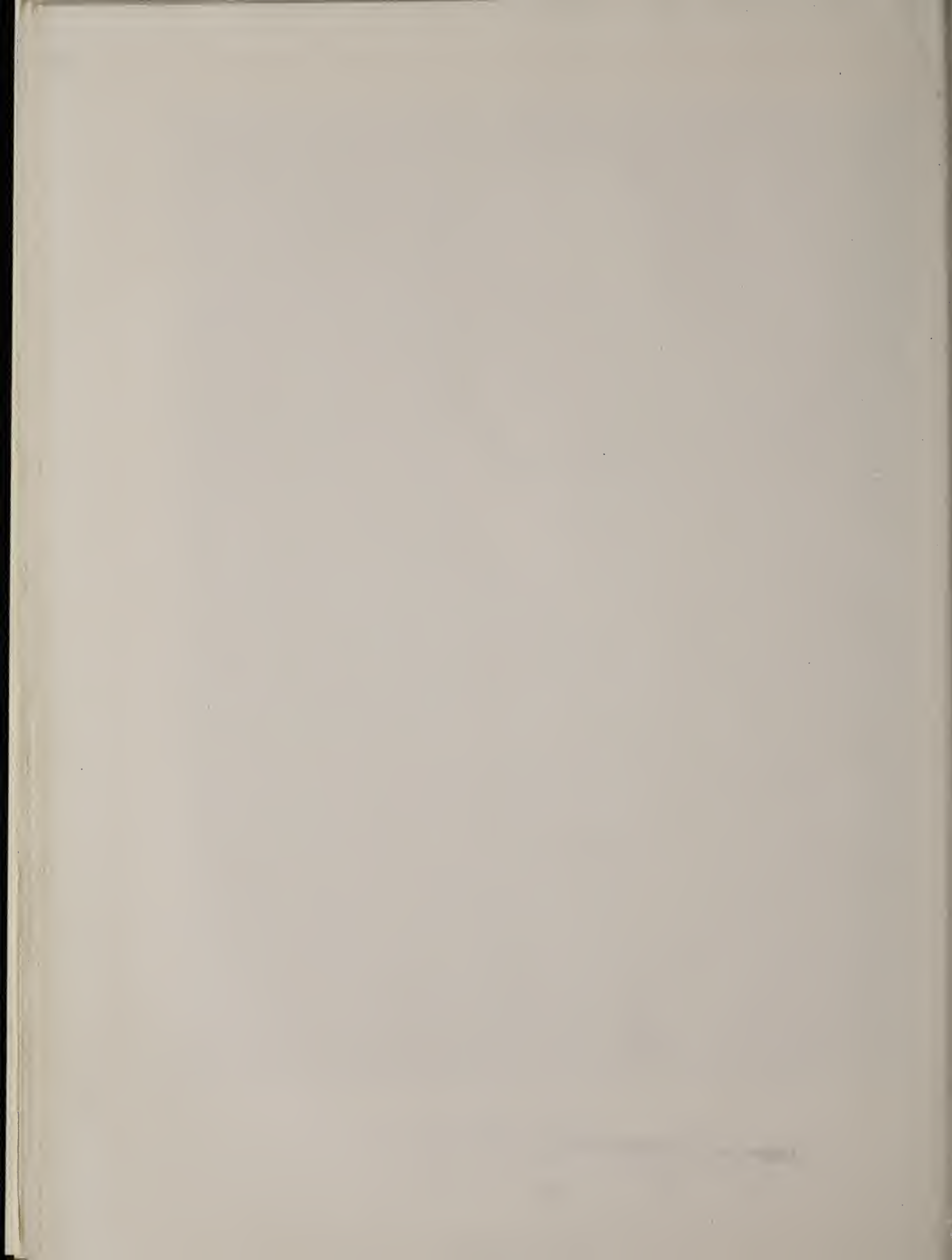
HARVEY WILEY CORBETT—Widely known as an architect, Harvey Wiley Corbett has his offices and residence in New York City.

Mr. Corbett was born January 8, 1873, in San Francisco, California, son of Samuel James and Elizabeth Jane (Wiley) Corbett. Both his parents were physicians.

Harvey Wiley Corbett himself completed his preliminary studies in San Francisco schools, then entered the University of California, where he was graduated in 1895 as a Bachelor of Science. The same university, years later, in 1930, in recognition of his noted achievements, awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. In 1900 Mr. Corbett was graduated from the École des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France, and he also holds the honorary degrees of Master of Architecture, which he received from Liverpool University in 1925, and of Doctor of Letters, which Columbia University conferred upon him in 1929. In his early career Mr. Corbett was a member of the New York firm of Corbett & MacMurray, then lectured on architecture at Columbia University. Since that time he has remained active in his profession, designing many important buildings and ful-



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filling different responsibilities that have been placed upon him in academic and civic life.

He is, for instance, a member of the advisory board of the Princeton School of Architecture; formerly was architect member of the Fine Arts Commission of the State of New York; and is active in many architectural and related organizations. He built Maryland Institute; the municipal group at Springfield, Massachusetts; the New York School of Applied Design for Women; the Bush Terminal Office Building, New York; Bush House, London; Holy Innocents' Church, Brooklyn; George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia; One Fifth Avenue and the Roerich Museum, New York; Bushnell Memorial Hall, Hartford, Connecticut. He has served as associate architect in the designing of the new office building, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Rockefeller Center, New York; a Brooklyn College group, Brooklyn, New York; the new Criminal Courts Building and Jail, New York City; and other buildings.

In 1933 Mr. Corbett served as chairman of the Architectural Commission set up in connection with the Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and is a member and former president of the Société Beaux-Arts Architectes. He belongs to the Société des Architectes Diplômés par le Gouvernement Français, and was formerly president of that group. He formerly served as president, too, of the Architectural League of New York, while he also belongs to the National Sculpture Society, the American Federation of Arts, the Archæological Institute of America, the New York Building Congress, the Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Xi fraternities, the Rockefeller Center Luncheon Club, the Columbia University Faculty Club, the Quill Club, the Town Hall Club, and the National Arts Club. He was the first president of The Gypsy Trail Club, of Carmel, New York. In London he is a member of the Architects' Club.

Harvey Wiley Corbett married, June 28, 1905, Gail Sherman. They became the parents of two children: 1. Jean, now Mrs. Dennis Peck, of Chipping Norton, England; has two children, a daughter Ann Harvey Peck and a son John Forbes Stewart Peck. 2. John Maxwell Corbett, married Jaqueline Shurtleff, of Los Angeles, California, and has one daughter, Stephanie; he is a first lieutenant in the United States Army, serving in World War II. The Corbetts live at No. 443 West Twenty-first Street, and Mr. Corbett formerly had his office at No. 130 West Forty-second Street, New York City.

ROBERT T. PUGSLEY—Retired from active business, Robert T. Pugsley, who was for many years a leading merchant of Newburgh, as a member of "The

Four" had devoted himself in recent years to personal interests and to civic service. As a Republican he was elected to the position of mayor of Beacon in 1938, and served in the successive years 1939, 1940 and 1941. During his terms of office as the city's first executive, Mayor Pugsley was responsible for a reduction in the bonded debt of the city; thus he put the municipal finances upon a sound basis, winning the respect and confidence of all citizens of Beacon.

A native of the city, Mr. Pugsley was born here on July 26, 1877, son of Benjamin and Helen (Macfarlane) Pugsley, both of whom were natives of New York State. He grew up at Beacon, attended the public schools, and received there the usual general education. During his entire business career, he was a merchant in Newburgh and Beacon, and won a favorable position through his recognized integrity and dependability.

During the World War, Mr. Pugsley was active in the organization and management of local committees for various projects. He was vice-president of the Beacon Savings & Loan Association, and a member of the board of directors of that institution. He was a trustee of the Highland Hospital, and had generally been connected with any movement likely to bring advantages to the city of Beacon.

Mr. Pugsley qualified for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution through several lines of ancestry. He was a member of the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Beacon, and had served as Past Master. Associated with the Hook and Ladder Fire Company of Beacon since its organization, Mr. Pugsley was its first president, and was made a life member in 1934. His other local affiliations included membership in the Beacon Kiwanis Club. A communicant of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Beacon, Mr. Pugsley had served as a member of the vestry.

Robert T. Pugsley's death occurred June 8, 1944, and his memory is cherished as a lifelong resident of Beacon, who had always held foremost the welfare of his native city. Not only during his terms as mayor of Beacon, but also in the preceding and subsequent periods of private life, his actions and advice contributed substantially to the advancement of the affairs of the city. Through his work as a merchant, an outstanding member of the city's business group, and because of his lifelong attachment to the causes which were advantageous to all of his fellow-citizens, Mr. Pugsley attained to a position which was unique in the contemporary records of the district.

JUDGE CHARLES A. HOPKINS—Dean of the Dutchess County lawyers, Judge Charles A. Hopkins has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Poughkeepsie for the past fifty-nine years, a most noteworthy record both as regards length of time or of service

to clients. He has not only engaged prominently in court battles with his colleagues with exceptional success, but has proven himself a worthy jurist as a judge of the surrogate court. Public service has been outstanding in his philosophy of life and exemplary citizenship.

Judge Charles A. Hopkins was born October 20, 1864, in East Fishkill, New York, son of Benjamin and Margaret (Lasher) Hopkins. His mother was a native of Columbia County, and his father of East Fishkill, New York. It is worthy of passing note that Benjamin Hopkins was justice of the peace of East Fishkill for half a century.

Judge Charles A. Hopkins read law as was the custom in his day and was prepared to enter the profession before he had reached his majority. It therefore occurred that the general term in Brooklyn, New York, made a special ruling and admitted him to the bar in October, 1885, upon his arrival at the age of twenty-one years. He had studied law with Hackett and Williams, of Poughkeepsie, and established himself in practice in this city immediately after passing his bar examinations. Active attorney and counselor-at-law, he was honored with election as judge of the surrogate court so long ago as 1907 and served for six years before returning to general practice of his profession. Even earlier, from 1891 to 1895, he had been a justice of the peace in Poughkeepsie. A staunch Democrat, Judge Hopkins long was influential in the councils and campaigns of his party, and was the only Democrat in half a century to be chosen surrogate of Dutchess County. He is a highly esteemed member of various Democratic party organizations, including the National Democratic Club of New York City. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Professional memberships include those in the Dutchess County Bar Association, of which he is a former president, and the New York State Bar Association. He also belongs to the old Poughkeepsie Club. Among his more recent public services are fourteen years as a member of the board of visitors of the New York State Hospital, and five years as a member of the Poughkeepsie School Commissioners. His contacts with people in the East are beyond numbering; his friends are legion.

On October 8, 1888, Charles A. Hopkins married May Eno Stewart, of Clinton, New York, who died in 1939; they became the parents of two sons: 1. Frank S., who served as a civil engineer during World War I. 2. Ralph A., a lawyer engaged in practice in New York City.

WILLIS H. RYDER—Carrying on an extensive practice of law in Carmel, Willis H. Ryder is one of this community's widely known professional men.

Mr. Ryder was born April 23, 1896, in Carmel, Putnam County, New York, son of Clayton and Carrie (Hol-

combe) Ryder. His great-great-great-grandfather, John Ryder, a native of Newtown, Long Island, removed to Tuckahoe, in Westchester County, in 1728. He was a farmer. His son, also named John Ryder, born in 1732, removed to Dutchess, now Putnam County; served from 1777 to 1780 in the War of the Revolution; he married Sarah Sprague, member of a family established in this region as early as 1725. Eleazer Ryder, their son, was born November 5, 1764, and in 1795 he and his wife moved to what came to be called the Ryder homestead property, which is now incorporated and owned by their descendants; he married Mary Coe, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Field) Coe and granddaughter of Samuel Field, the first settler on Dingle Ridge in 1732. Their third child, Stephen Ryder, born in 1794, served in the militia with the colonel's rank; he married Betsey Nichols, daughter of Gould and Sarah (Treadwell) Nichols and a descendant of old New England families. Among her forebears was Nathan Gold, one-time Lieutenant Governor. She was also descended from Jehu Burr, Edward Treadwell and Francis Bradley. Ambrose Ryder, son of Stephen and Betsey (Nichols) Ryder, was born March 5, 1826, and graduated from Williams College, after which he became widely known as a lawyer and as county judge, in which office he served for three terms. He died April 9, 1892. Ambrose Ryder married Mary Miranda Hillyer, a descendant of John Hillyer, who established his home in Connecticut in 1639, and of numerous prominent old New England families. One of her ancestors was George Hayes, who also was an ancestor of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Another was Matthew Grant, forebear of General Ulysses S. Grant. Ambrose and Mary Miranda (Hillyer) Ryder became the parents of four children: 1. Hillyer, born in 1850, who served as county treasurer of Putnam County and died in 1928. 2. Clayton, of further mention. 3. Stephen, who took up his residence with his family in Carmel; he married Annie Louise Cooper, of Tompkins County, New York, and they became the parents of four children—Ambrose, Leland, Gertrude and Hillyer Ryder.

Clayton Ryder, second-named of the above children and father of Willis H. Ryder, attended private schools in Carmel, then spent the year 1875-76 at the Hudson River Institute, in Claverack, later entering Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he was graduated June 19, 1879. He studied law in his father's office, and in 1880 and 1881 attended the law school of Columbia University, New York City. Admitted to the bar as an attorney in 1881 and on September 14, 1882, at the Brooklyn general term of court, as a counselor, he at once began his professional practice in Carmel and succeeded his father in this community. He deeply interested himself in civic affairs, figured in some of the outstanding court cases in this region, and, at his father's death, was elected, April 28,

1892, president of the Putnam County National Bank. He was chairman of the appeals board set up in connection with administration of the Selective Service Act in his community during the First World War, was a member of the 1915 State Constitutional Convention, and from 1898 to 1926 was Federal referee in bankruptcy. He is a director, trustee and treasurer of Drew Seminary for Young Women, and was president of the Carmel Country Club. He has also been active in the different bar associations. Clayton Ryder married, July 31, 1888, Mrs. Carrie (Holcombe) Cornwell, widow of Dr. Henry G. Cornwell, of Columbus, Ohio, and daughter of Alexis E. and Jane Grey (Breckenridge) Holcombe. Mrs. Ryder, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri, was born August 6, 1859, in Richmond, Indiana, and was descended from Thomas and Begat (Eggleston) Holcombe, of Dorchester and Windsor, in 1635. Others of her forebears included John Pettibone, of Windsor, 1658; James Breckenridge, of Palmer, Massachusetts, 1727; George Morton and Thomas Clark, of Plymouth, 1623; Andrew Ring, of Plymouth, 1629; John Lothrop, of Scituate, 1634; Stephen Hopkins, of "Mayflower" fame, 1620; Robert Stetson and Anthony Dodson, of Scituate, 1633; Thomas Foster, of Boston, 1634; Thomas Chillingworth, of Marshfield; and members of the families of Wanzer, Olmstead, Sherwood, Mosely, Campbell, Ferris, Marshall, Newell, Fisher and others. Clayton and Carrie (Holcombe) Cornwell Ryder became the parents of three children: 1. Earle Ambrose, born June 9, 1890, married Mildred Granger; they became the parents of two children, Theodore and Margaret Elizabeth. 2. Morton, born October 1, 1894, engaged at the time of writing in the practice of medicine in Rye, Westchester County; he married Anne Brake, and they became the parents of three children—Clayton, Constance and Diane. 3. Willis Holcombe, of further mention.

Willis Holcombe Ryder attended public schools in Carmel, his native community, and was graduated from high school here in 1911. In 1912 he was graduated from Phillips-Exeter Academy, after which he became a student at Yale College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. He then entered the law school of Columbia University, New York City, and in 1922 was graduated there as a Bachelor of Laws. In that year he was admitted to the New York State bar, engaging in a general practice of law in Carmel, where he has continued down to the time of writing. He became associated with John P. Donohoe in 1932, and has since been engaged in practice with him. He has been special district attorney of Putnam County since 1942.

Mr. Ryder serves as a director of the Putnam County National Bank and a director of the Mahopac National Bank. During the First World War he was commissioned in 1917 and served overseas with the army as captain of Battery F, 15th Field Artillery, until he re-

signed in August, 1919. He is chief of the Carmel Fire Department and a member of the Carmel Country Club and the Mahopac Golf Club. His favorite hobby is driving horses, and he is a member of the Carmel Driving Club. Among the many honors that have come to him, Mr. Ryder holds the French Croix de Guerre with two silver stars. He was also cited by General Pershing for distinguished and exceptional gallantry.

In Belleville, New York, December 11, 1929, Willis H. Ryder married Dorothy Eastman, of that place, daughter of R. S. Eastman.

RALPH A. SMITH—Civic activities and public service have been characteristics of the Smith family, of Putnam County, father and son. The elder man, Milton F. Smith, has been the mayor of Nelsonville for more than thirty years. Ralph A. Smith is the present commissioner of the department of public welfare for Putnam County, the latest of his activities in public affairs.

The latter-named was born at Nelsonville, Putnam County, November 26, 1895, son of Milton F. and Mary E. Smith, his mother now being deceased. Ralph A. Smith was educated in the local public school, was graduated from Cold Spring High School, class of 1913, and pursued business administration studies in the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. He entered the employ of the Cold Spring Bank as a clerk and teller. When the United States became involved in World War I, he joined the United States Armed Forces and served with the medical corps.

After receiving his honorable discharge from the medical corps, Mr. Smith returned to the Cold Spring Bank, and when he resigned in 1926, was the popular and able teller of the institution. From 1927 to 1934 he was with the Internal Revenue Department; from 1934 to 1937 engaged in accounting under his own name; and from 1937 to 1943 was with the department of public welfare, Putnam County, in the Carmel office. As indicated, Ralph A. Smith, on December 17, 1943, became the commissioner of welfare for Putnam County, an elevation that gained general approval. Varied experience in the county is a part of his equipment for his present duties, for Mr. Smith was for nearly twenty years the village clerk of Nelsonville; for a long period was registrar of vital statistics and former school tax collector for Central School District No. 1, Philipstown, New York.

Mr. Smith has always been a booster of the advantages and attractions of Putnam County, and sees many of his predictions regarding its future come true. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons, located in Nelsonville, and secretary for seventeen years. He was also a member of Newburgh Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and of the Order of the Eastern Star, at Philipstown. He is

a member and a past commander of Casey Post, No. 275, American Legion; county commander of the Putnam group; county finance officer from 1919 to date of the Putnam County American Legion, and is a member of the "40 & 8."

At Garrison, New York, in 1923, Ralph A. Smith married Elizabeth L. Lewis, a native of Dutchess County, daughter of Fred T. and Ella H. (Hughes) Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children, both born at Cold Spring: Jean, born April 26, 1927; and Ruth L., born May 9, 1929.

COLONEL JULIAN A. BENJAMIN, U. S. A. (Retired)—Following the military tradition of his family, Colonel Julian A. Benjamin was graduated from the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, the *alma mater* of his father, and served his country as an officer in two foreign wars and at various military posts before his retirement, in 1929. He is a native of Washington, District of Columbia, son of Colonel Samuel N. Benjamin, United States Army, and the former Julia K. Fish.

Colonel Samuel N. Benjamin was graduated from the United States Military Academy, in May, 1861, and immediately became active in the Civil War. He was on duty in the Adjutant General's office in the national capital city, at the time of the birth of his son, the subject of this record. He died in 1886. His wife was the daughter of Hamilton Fish (1808-93), elected Congressman in 1842; Governor of New York in 1848; United States Senator in 1851; Secretary of State under President Ulysses S. Grant, 1869 to 1877, and who died in Putnam County, New York, September 7, 1893.

Colonel Julian A. Benjamin was prepared for higher education in the Berkeley School, New York; St. Mark's School, at Southboro, Massachusetts; and had been a student at Columbia University before he entered the United States Military Academy, at West Point, on June 15, 1896. From this institution he was graduated on June 13, 1900, with a degree of Bachelor of Science, and continued in the military service of the United States for twenty-nine years. Down through this period of nearly three decades, starting as a second lieutenant with the 3d Cavalry, and with service in the Philippines, his promotions included the ranks of first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel and then colonel. He had served on the Mexican border and, during World War I, was overseas with the 1st and 77th Divisions.

After retiring to civilian life, Colonel Benjamin became interested in realty operations and is a former vice-president of the firm of Ruland & Benjamin, New York City, and still a director. He is a member of the University Club, and St. Anthony Club, both of New York. Colonel Benjamin is a resident of Garrison, New York.

ELBERT FLOYD-JONES, M. A., S. T. B., D. D.—A half century of service for Christ and His Church is the outstanding feature of the life of Elbert Floyd-Jones, D. D. Not the least noteworthy of his record of achievements are fifty years as rector of St. Mary's Church in the Highlands, at Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York. Few men have so beneficently influenced the development of a community and the lives of its people.

He was born at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, April 7, 1867, son of Elbert Floyd and Mary Caroline (Wigham) Floyd-Jones, both of whom are now deceased. His father, an agriculturist of Long Island, was born February 7, 1817.

Elbert Floyd-Jones received his early education in private schools and Berkeley Military Academy, of New York City, and matriculated at Columbia University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1889, and in the following year earned the degree of Master of Arts. For his theological studies he entered the General Theological Seminary, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1893. Later he was a student in Oxford University, England. On December 19, 1929, Webster University, Atlanta, Georgia, conferred upon him the degree Doctor of Divinity. In 1930, his *alma mater* awarded Dr. Floyd-Jones a medal "For Service."

Upon his return from Oxford, Elbert Floyd-Jones was made a deacon in Calvary Church. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Philip's Church, Garrison, New York, by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry C. Potter, in 1894. His first charge was at St. James' Chapel, Manitou, Putnam County, New York, after which he served as a curate at Calvary Church, where he remained until the spring of 1895. In June of this year he was called to St. Mary's Church in the Highlands, at Cold Spring, where he has since continued his notable service for his church and the community.

In connection with his clerical duties, Dr. Floyd-Jones takes a keen interest in civic affairs. He is director of the Philipstown Nursing Association of the town of Philipstown. The Rev. Dr. Floyd-Jones has the distinction of being the sole surviving charter member of the Cold Spring Fire Company, No. 1. He acts as treasurer and trustee of Putnam County Historical Society. Dr. Floyd-Jones is the author of a book on the Fire Department of Cold Spring; "The History of St. Mary's Church in the Highlands," and of "A Relic of the Highway, The Origin and Use of Mile-Stones," published in 1923.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL TAYLOR BELCHER, U. S. A. (Retired)—Although Colonel Taylor Belcher, of Garrison, New York, has served as an officer in the armed forces of the United States, in both the First and Second World wars, his career is not essen-



Albert Floyd Jones.

tially military in character. He was a railroad man and a metallurgist before his enlistment in the United States Army, and was a captain in our first American Expeditionary Force. Then for more than two decades he was in business in Garrison, before answering the call to military duty in the present global war, being retired in 1944, because of army limitations regarding age.

Colonel Belcher was born at Topeka, Kansas, in 1884. His father, James H. Belcher, was born at Garrison, Putnam County, and his mother, the former Ella Antionette Warner, was a native of Rockland, Illinois. James H. Belcher had been a railroader and was the first paymaster of the newly organized Atchison & Santa Fe System, working out of Topeka, Kansas.

After attending local schools and being graduated from the Topeka High School, with the class of 1904, Taylor Belcher was a student at the University of Kansas for two years. In 1906 he entered the employ of the Atchison & Santa Fe Railroad, remaining for two years before going with the American Smelting & Refining Company, at Omaha, Nebraska, as a metallurgist. In 1916 he enlisted in the United States Regular Army and remained with the armed forces until nearly 1920. He received a commission as a captain, and as such was overseas from May, 1918, to October, 1919, for the most part connected with the 5th Supply Train, 5th Division, United States Army, and after receiving his honorable discharge was placed, with the rank of captain, in the Reserve Officers' Corps.

In 1922 Captain Belcher came to Garrison, where to date, he is president of the Garrison Coal Company. He came primarily to manage the family interests in real estate and more particularly to manage the West Point Ferry, which was established in 1826 by the State charter, and it was in the Garrison and Belcher families for over a century, until the erection of the Bear Mountain Bridge. It operated from Garrison, Highland Falls and West Point, New York, and later shortened from Garrison to West Point. On July 17, 1941, he returned to the regular United States Army, and was assigned to the 6th Service Command, at Chicago, Illinois, as a lieutenant colonel. As indicated, army regulations as regards age caused his retirement on February 28, 1944. Colonel Belcher has been and continues to be a vital and active factor in a wide variety of interests and organizations. He is a past commander of the American Legion Post No. 275, at Cold Spring, Putnam County, and formerly was commander of the Putnam County organization of the American Legion. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Philipstown Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a past president of the Garrison Chapter of the American Red Cross Society, and at one time was president of the Garrison Union Free School Board. One of his favorite clubs is the Lions, of Cold

Spring; he is keenly interested in the Boy Scouts of this section, and is helpful in its programs and work. His religious affiliations are with St. Philip's Church-in-the-Highlands, where he is a vestryman and a former superintendent of its Sunday school. Among his hobbies and recreations are the collection of stamps, and of firearms, and agriculture, his estate being called "Glenfields," and in these present days of emergency is being worked to its best capabilities.

At New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, September 8, 1919, Colonel Taylor Belcher married Miriam Allen Bradford Frazee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Frazee and a descendant of Ethan Allen and Governor Bradford. Colonel and Mrs. Belcher are the parents of a son: Taylor Garrison Belcher, born on Staten Island, July 1, 1920. He attended Gordon School for Boys, Garrison, New York, and Scarborough School, and is a graduate of Brown University, class of 1941. He married Edith Anthony, of Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Anthony. Enlisting in the United States Navy, he now holds the rank of lieutenant (j. g.).

BEVERIDGE COLIN DUNLOP—Residing in Spring Valley, Beveridge Colin Dunlop is connected with the rayon industry as vice-president and director of the American Bemberg Corporation and the North American Rayon Corporation. He has his offices in New York City.

Mr. Dunlop was born April 28, 1879, in Paterson, New Jersey, son of John and Jean Armour (Beveridge) Dunlop. His father was born in Partick, Scotland, in 1830, and the mother was born in Airdrie, Scotland, in 1838. Both parents are now deceased, and their remains lie interred in Paterson, New Jersey.

Beveridge Colin Dunlop spent his early boyhood in Paterson, his New Jersey birthplace, and was eight years old when, in 1887, the family removed to Spring Valley. He attended Miss Sheldon's School and public schools in Spring Valley. Then the Dunlops took up their residence in Hackensack when he was thirteen years old, in 1892, and three years later, in 1895, he was graduated from the State Street High School, in Hackensack. Turning his attention to business affairs, he associated himself with the firm of John Dunlop's Sons, silk manufacturers, in Spring Valley, an enterprise that was a continuation of the business founded by his father, John Dunlop, in Paterson, in 1864. Beveridge C. Dunlop thenceforth carried on the business in association with his two older brothers until it was eventually liquidated in 1936. As early as 1927 Mr. Dunlop was active in the artificial silk industry, becoming associated in that year with the North American Rayon Corporation as its vice president and director. In 1931 he also became vice-

president and director of the American Bemberg Corporation, rayon manufacturers, with offices in New York City. The American Bemberg Corporation has plants in Elizabethton, Tennessee, and its products are widely known and distributed.

In addition to these connections, Mr. Dunlop is a director of the United States Testing Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey, and of the Allied Products Corporation, of Suffern. He is also a director of the First National Bank, of Spring Valley. He is a member of the advisory committee of the Garfield branch of the Chase National Bank, in New York City, and a trustee of the Manhattan Savings Bank, of New York. Also active in public affairs, he is president of the Spring Valley Board of Education. In 1914 he served in the New York State Assembly, in Albany, representing Rockland County, and in 1916 he was a Presidential elector. He is a Republican in his political views. Fraternally he is a Past Master of Athelstan Lodge, No. 839, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Spring Valley. He belongs to the Reformed Church of America. During the Spanish-American War he served his country with the 2d New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and during the First World War he was a volunteer Young Men's Christian Association secretary with the famous "Rain-bow" Division, and was also for a time vice-chairman of his county defense committee. When the United States entered the Second World War, Mr. Dunlop became a member of the executive committee of the Rockland County War Council. In leisure time he is fond of outdoor life, particularly hunting and fishing.

In Albany, New York, September 6, 1904, Beveridge Colin Dunlop married Anna Norton Marvin, daughter of Dudley D. M. and Annie (Haynes) Marvin. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John Beveridge, born in 1906 in Spring Valley, studied in schools here and at the Ridgefield School for Boys, Ridgefield, Connecticut, graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, in 1929, now with the North American Rayon Corporation; he married Sallie Rogers, of Brooklyn, New York. 2. Janet, born in Spring Valley in 1909, graduated from public schools here, then from the Emma Willard School, Troy, New York, and Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City; she became the wife of George R. Faxon, and they now live in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and are the parents of three children—i. Sandra Faxon, born in 1938. ii. Sally Faxon, born in 1940. iii. Jean Faxon, born in 1942. 3. Dudley Marvin, born in Spring Valley in 1913, attended public schools in Spring Valley, and Phillips-Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, then spent two years at Williams College and a year at the University of London, England, and was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was a power engineer with the North Ameri-

can Rayon Corporation and the American Bemberg Corporation until he became an ensign in the navy for Second World War service; he married Jean Sennett, and they became the parents of Michael Dunlop, born in 1940. 4. Mary Marvin, born in Spring Valley in 1916, graduated from high school here, attended Miss Graves School, New York, and the Connecticut College for Women, became the wife of L. G. Dedel, and they have one son, Alfred Beveridge Dedel, born in 1940.

MAXWELL ANDERSON—As newspaper man, poet, author and playwright Maxwell Anderson has acquired a significant position in American journalism and letters. For years he has produced plays that have gained wide success on Broadway, notably such productions as "What Price Glory," in association with Laurence Stallings, and "Both Your Houses," "Winterset" and "Star-Wagon." He has his home in New City, seat of Rockland County and widely known as a residence place of literary folk.

Mr. Anderson was born December 15, 1888, in Atlantic, Pennsylvania, son of William Lincoln and Premely (Stevenson) Anderson. He completed his preliminary schooling, then studied at the University of North Dakota, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. Afterward he went to Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, where he took the Master of Arts degree in 1914. In both North Dakota and California he taught school, and in 1914, after earning the Master's degree, he became an instructor in the English department at Stanford University. Turning then to newspaper work, Mr. Anderson was associated for a time with the "Herald," of Grand Forks, North Dakota, then with the "Chronicle" and the "Bulletin," in San Francisco, where he remained until 1918. Coming to New York, he served then as an editorial writer on the "New Republic," the "Evening Globe" and the "Morning World" until 1924.

From newspaper and magazine work he went directly to playwriting. His dramatic works are widely known: "White Desert," published in 1923; "What Price Glory" (with Laurence Stallings), 1924; "The Buccaneer" and "First Flight," also both in collaboration with Mr. Stallings, 1925; "Outside Looking In," 1925; "Saturday's Children," 1927; "Gypsy," 1928; "Gods of the Lightning," in association with Harold Hickerson, 1928; "Elizabeth the Queen," 1930; "Night over Taos," 1932; "Both Your Houses," which won a Pulitzer prize, 1933; "Mary of Scotland," same year; "Valley Forge," 1934; "Winterset," which took the Critics' prize, 1935; "The Masque of Kings," "The Wingless Victory" and "High Tor" (Critics' prize), 1936; "Star-Wagon," 1937; "Knickerbocker Holiday," 1938; "Key Largo," 1939; "Journey to Jerusalem," 1940; "Candle in the Wind," 1941; "The Eve of St. Mark," 1942; "Storm Operation,"

1944. In addition, Mr. Anderson has a book of poems, "You Who Have Dreams," a book of essays, "The Essence of Tragedy," and other works.

Maxwell Anderson married, in 1911, Margaret Haskett, who died in 1931. They became the parents of three sons, Quentin, Alan, holding the rank of first sergeant, United States Army, and Terence Anderson, private first class, United States Air Corps, stationed in California. Mr. Anderson married (second), in 1933, Gertrude Maynard. They became the parents of one daughter, Hesper Anderson.

HENRY VARNUM POOR, III—Distinguished as a producer of some of America's finest paintings and most beautiful pottery, Henry Varnum Poor, III, stands in the front rank of American artists, and is respected by fellow artists and laymen alike. His paintings are not only characterized by a vigorous and sensitive use of color, but, particularly in his portraits, by an intensive expression of the spirit of his subject. Never a disciple of defeatism in any form, he looks confidently forward to a brilliant artistic and social future for the American continent. His home is in New City.

Mr. Poor was born September 30, 1888, in Chapman, Kansas, son of Alfred James and Josephine (Graham) Poor. His grandparents were residents of Andover, Maine. Their youngest son, Alfred J. Poor, who went West to seek his fortune, was Henry Varnum Poor's father. Alfred J. Poor ran a threshing unit in western Kansas, in what is now termed the "Desert of Wheat," and there married one of the nine daughters of Silas Graham, a pioneer and a forty-niner, who had later homesteaded in Kansas. After his marriage, Alfred Poor became a leading citizen in Chapman, Kansas, where he organized a bank, built a grain elevator and established a substantial home, of frame construction, along the Smoky Hill River and the Union Pacific, there planting a grove of maples and pines in memory of his native Maine. In this environment his children were reared, although the father prospered and the family moved to Kansas City. His great uncle, the first member of the family to bear the name, Henry Varnum Poor, was a railroader and editor of "Poor's Manual," and during the Grant administration, after the Civil War, proposed a plan for Federal ownership of railroads.

Even after the family's removal to Kansas City, Henry Varnum Poor, III, spent his summers at Chapman. He grew to manhood in the beautiful surroundings that his father had created there. His early associations with birds, of which he made collections, and with prairie lands and life in the farming and cattle country and the woods, endowed him with an early desire to be a naturalist. It was from his mother that his inclination toward art seemed to stem. She possessed a set of oil paints, and made copies of old prints of Egyptian ruins from a big

book of "Antiquities." Henry Varnum Poor, III, already revealed a hint of the artistic nature that was to flower in years ahead when he urged her to paint, instead of copies of pictures from old books, real flowers and people. In childhood he revealed, too, a talent for drawing, and was "loaned out" by his teacher to draw decorations for other blackboards. At length the principal of the school advised his parents to send him to art school or else stop him from wasting so much time in drawing. In high school years his parents forbade him to draw, but he then took up woodworking and ironworking, his school the first in the Middle West to introduce manual training. In periods of his boyhood he had visits to relatives in Andover, Maine, and to a cottage on the slope of Pike's Peak. When he attained college age, he had to choose an eastern or a western institution of learning, and selected Leland Stanford University, at Palo Alto, California, simply because it was in the West. The important element in all his experiences, as is the case with any true artist, was the enthusiasm that they enkindled in him. "I loved it all," he wrote. "I was happy in such a choice of riches—the woods and streams of Maine, the pine-covered red gravel of the Rockies, or our own prairie hills and sandy ravines."

Graduated from Stanford as a Bachelor of Arts in 1910, he was one of the few artists of our time to be elected to the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa. He never considered himself a brilliant student, however, and was much more interested in athletics on many occasions than in his studies. His formal education completed, Mr. Poor now turned his attention to Europe, where he spent the year 1910-11. First he studied at the Slade School, where he took up drawing and worked with Walter Sickert, who opened his eyes "to more new things than any teacher I ever had." His London residence was a damp attic in Westminster, and he ate at cab-drivers' pubs and hated London's extremes of wealth and poverty. A great event occurred in Mr. Poor's life when he visited the famous Grafton Gallery exhibition of 1910. That show, like America's Armory Show, three years later, brought the first impact of French modernism across the Channel to England and the West, offering a challenge to sentimental and photographic Victorian art. Mr. Poor came thus into contact with the revolutionary work of Cézanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Matisse and Picasso. That first taste of continental European modernism made London unbearable, and the young artist betook himself to Paris, which he found to be "heaven after London." He painted vigorously at Laurens' and Julien's, spent Sundays at the Louvre or on outdoor sketching excursions, and before he left Paris "learned to draw" in the accepted sense.

When he returned to America, Mr. Poor was invited to return to Stanford University as an instructor, all on the strength of his achievement abroad. At the end

of a year there, he was married and left the university for a year to operate a stock ranch in Kansas. He then returned to Stanford, because university life offered more time for painting. In 1914 he exhibited his work in San Francisco, where he formed close associations with Anne Bremer, Ralph Stackpole and Albert Bender. Under the régime of Ray Lyman Wilbur at Stanford the art department was ended, whereupon Mr. Poor and a group of younger San Francisco artists reorganized the Mark Hopkins Art School, which subsequently became the California School of Fine Arts. There Mr. Poor himself became a teacher of painting and drawing.

The entry of the United States into the First World War, in 1917, brought Mr. Poor into the army as a draftee. He refused to be sent to an officers' training school, and within six weeks was at the front. In the army in France he made many drawings of his fellow soldiers and officers, and later was appointed regimental artist. Excused from other duties, he wandered through devastated areas and made sketches of shelled villages, soldiers and the war wreckage. At a rate of ten francs for privates, fifty for officers, he sketched his comrades after the Armistice. Honorably discharged while still in France, he spent two months in Paris and then came home with the portrait money he had earned.

He held his first New York exhibition at the Kervorkian Gallery, in Fifty-seventh Street, in 1920. Critics praised his work, but only one \$100 sale was made. He had already settled in the Hudson Valley through the instrumentality of Mary Mowbray Clarke, and he now bought an old farm at New City, near Nyack and Haverstraw, and built with his own hands the home and studio where he now lives. His architectural talent led Maxwell Anderson, Ben Hecht, Burgess Meredith, and Milton Caniff and other New City neighbors to call upon him for help in planning their homes, and he also built an impressive terra cotta fountain for Helen Hayes.

It was after the "failure" at the Kervorkian Gallery that Mr. Poor first saw the Cretan pottery at the Metropolitan Museum and so conceived the idea that he might earn a living from some simple pottery work along these lines. He thereupon built his own potter's wheel and received from Morris Crawford a gift of a small kerosene-burning kiln. Later he built a larger kiln as more orders came. Without training as a ceramist, he made his way forward from the very beginning by his own methods; for, as the facts of his life up to this point fully reveal, he had in abundant measure the artist's immediate connection with materials. His ceramic work is a complete personal expression. He designs directly on the wet slip, and guides with his hand every step from modeling to firing. The glazing and baking are done in one firing. His original method permits no reworking in successive firings, and so places a premium on skill. Conscious of the value of function, Mr. Poor restricts

the design and color range of his pottery close to simple arrangements in browns and blues. Some of his ceramic work reveals his qualities as a humorist, notably such pieces as "Jacob Wrestling with the Angel" and "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." Glazes provided his most difficult problem in the early stages, but by the winter of 1921 he took some of his decorated plates to the late N. E. Montross, a dealer, who arranged an exhibition. His work was completely sold out, including plates, bowls and other ceramic items. He then was associated with the Montross Galleries on a retainer basis, and spent ten steady years at the kiln, which provided his material living. He ate from his own plates, and museums exhibited them. In 1938 the Architectural League voted Mr. Poor its gold medal of honor for ceramics. His plate with the "Nude" design took first prize at the Syracuse Museum's ceramic annual in 1937. His "Cat Bowl" is widely known.

Giving up the ceramic work to some extent in 1929, Mr. Poor took his family to Europe for a year in Italy, France and England. In 1931, returning from Europe, he exhibited his paintings at the Montross Gallery, and these were now outstandingly successful. He has given most of his time since then to painting, and has won Nation-wide recognition. He has work on permanent exhibition at the Rehn Gallery, the Metropolitan Museum (in New York City), Art Institute of Chicago, the Newark Museum, the San Francisco Museum, the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Addison Memorial Museum (Andover, Massachusetts). He has done twelve mural panels in true fresco for the United States Department of Justice building, Washington, District of Columbia. He also did a large mural, "Conservation of American Wild Life," for the Department of the Interior building, in Washington, and a large fresco, "The Land Grant Mural," for Pennsylvania State College (1941). From the exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, in 1932, the Metropolitan acquired his "Disappointed Fisherman." Also in 1932 he was awarded the Harris silver medal and \$300 prize at the Chicago Art Institute for his "Hudson Valley at Bear Mountain." His "March Sun," which won the Carnegie International third prize of \$500 in 1933, was bought by the Addison Gallery of American Art, in Andover, Massachusetts. A few weeks thereafter he held an outstanding exhibition at the Frank K. M. Rehn Galleries. From that show three canvases afterward entered museum collections—"View Over Nyack, Winter," "Gray Day" and "The Pink Tablecloth." These are in the Brooklyn, Metropolitan and Cleveland museums respectively. Other paintings in the 1933 exhibition included "Brickyards at Haverstraw," "Red Haired Girl" (the actress Margaret Perry), and "Man in Brown Jerkin" (portrait of John Houseman). His "Cove on the Hudson," "The Hunters" and "Spring" were exhibited at the Rehn Galleries in December, 1934, in a joint showing of Hudson Valley paintings with George





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Biddle. In 1937 the Rehn Galleries showed more of his work. Having gone West to teach at the Fine Arts Center in Colorado Springs in the spring of that year, he included in that exhibition such pictures as "Mountain Ranch" and "First Range of the Rockies." He also showed then his portrait of the artist, Waldo Peirce; "The Golden Tree," depicting his wife at her typewriter beside a tree outside his window; "Boy with Bow," "Dark Mountain," "Figure in Blue" and "Abraham Rattner," as well as many others. A 1940 show included "Lynn in Blue," "Mountain Ranch," "The Chess Game" and "Three Sisters." Others of Mr. Poor's paintings include "Orchard Country," "Windy Day on the Hudson," "Grape Leaves," "Still Life with Leaves and Green Melon," "Young Man in Seersucker Coat," "Bessie" and "The Writer."

Among his many other activities, Mr. Poor was a member of the Jury of Award of the San Francisco International Exposition in 1939. He also received the Presidential appointment as a member of the Commission of Fine Arts, in Washington, District of Columbia, and serves on the art advisory committee to the State Department.

Henry Varnum Poor, III, first married, in 1911, when he was twenty-three years old. By this marriage he has a daughter, Josephine, born in 1913. He married, in 1925, Bessie Breuer, distinguished novelist and journalist. They became the parents of a son, Peter Varnum Poor. A stepdaughter, Anne K. Poor, is an artist in her own right. Mrs. Poor is the author of a noted best seller, "Memory of Love," and other works.

Mr. Poor's own credo as an artist is contained to a degree in his own statement:

We think we are painters if we can achieve a recognizable "American Scene," or in the other mode present an abstraction symbolizing "speed" or "travel" or some such idea. But communication of spirit only starts there. It is found in real painting: in finding something past the obvious outer surface. I once saw a movie of the making of a WPA mural with bridges and steel girders and all the mechanical trappings of our present day life, and the movie laid down the dictum that we must thus depict our present day civilization on our present day walls. This seemed to me very sad. Have we no fervor of spiritual life, nothing which can be recognized as valid for today except the obvious and outward appearance of what surrounds us? Let him who wants, cover a wall with fairy stories, with classic nudes, with religious illustrations. Whatever has validity to the artist is the right subject, and the record of our civilization will lie in the way in which it is done—whether with crudity and baldness, or with understanding and subtlety and grace.

C. JONATHAN SLOCUM, M. D.—Dr. Slocum is the founder and head of "Craig House," at Beacon, an institution that thirty years ago began the development of a new and distinctive treatment of psychiatric patients.

A Rhode Islander by birth and academic education, he is descended from the Slocums, who in the sixteen hundreds ventured across the Atlantic and settled in New England.

Dr. Slocum, of this record, was born in Kenyon, Rhode Island, the son of William Young and Harriet (Larkin) Slocum. After attending local schools, Dr. Slocum continued his education in East Greenwich Academy, and the Kingston Agricultural College, both in Rhode Island, and the Albany Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897, a Doctor of Medicine.

To quite an extent he has been the architect of his own preparation for a profession, a condition that did him no harm and only delayed his attainments. He was an interne and junior physician at Hudson River State Hospital, at Poughkeepsie, from 1897 to 1900; assistant physician at Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York, from 1900 to 1902; and then for thirteen years the resident physician at Dr. MacDonald's House.

Through these years, Dr. Slocum evolved ideas and a theory of an improved and specialized treatment of psychiatric patients under conditions and surroundings where the institutional atmosphere could be replaced, as nearly as possible, by that of the home, with furnishings of good taste, and the surroundings as beautiful as could be secured, and where the patients' diversions could be the normal kind to which they were accustomed, such as tennis and golf, swimming and riding, as well as the usual hydrotherapy and occupational therapy that would, of necessity, be part of their régime; where freedom of movement, if limited, could be ameliorated with personal attention. This was just thirty years ago, but at that time in this country there was not an institution for the care of psychiatric patients that was not definitely of institutional character.

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At the start the doctor chose to begin at Beacon, Dutchess County. In 1915, with Dr. Robert Lamb, he purchased the General Joseph Howland property, known as "Tioronda," situated on rolling country, at the foot of the mountain, with grounds laid out by his friend and neighbor, Henry Sargent, living at that time on the estate called "Wodenethe," just across the Fishkill River. Here was "Craig House" started.

Some years later, Dr. Slocum purchased the interest of Dr. Lamb. By this time the enterprise had grown so markedly that Craig House Corporation was formed to care for further developments, one of which was the purchase of "Wodenethe" from the estate of the late Winthrop Sargent. Thus were the two old estates brought together, both beautifully landscaped by Henry Sargent, widely known, both here and abroad, for his contributions to horticultural knowledge. Thereafter they were to serve a purpose, interesting in itself, and one close to the hearts of both Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Howland, for it is the wish of each that, after their deaths, these lovely places be used for the comfort and

welfare of those who need healing. At this time the property is comprised of about twenty buildings, fourteen of which are for the use of the patients, with complete dental, medical and health departments; occupational therapy, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, gymnasium, nine-hole golf course with its club house and a riding stable.

Dr. Slocum served on the courtesy staff of the Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, New York, from 1924 to 1932; and has since that year been consulting neuropsychiatrist. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine of New York, and of the American Psychiatric Association, and a member of the American Board of Psychiatry, the American Medical Association, the Medical Society of the State of New York, the Medical Society of the County of Dutchess and of the County of Putnam, Newburgh Bay Medical Society, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, Southern Medical Association and the American Occupational Association.

Dr. Slocum is president of the Tioranda Corporation, and a director of the Fishkill National Bank, Beacon. The treasurer of Craig House Corporation and The Tioranda Corporation is Thomas H. DeLaire. Dr. Slocum's religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church. His recreations are fishing—he is a member of the Tourilli Fish and Game Club of Quebec, Canada—golf, gardening, and repairing his antique clocks, of which he has collected a large number.

On January 17, 1906, Dr. Slocum married Elvira G. Evans, daughter of John and Hannah (Maddock) Evans. Mrs. Slocum has been of untiring assistance in the development of "Craig House." She has spent her entire time in assisting her husband in the countless details and has personally supervised the decoration of the many rooms, as well as being his constant and charming adviser. Dr. and Mrs. Slocum are the parents of two children: 1. Jonathan, born in New York City, December 3, 1913; a graduate of Gunnery School, Princeton University and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Jonathan Slocum served his internship in the Mary Imogene Bassett Memorial Hospital, Cooperstown, New York, and is now serving with the United States Medical Air Corps, with the commission of captain at this writing. In June 15, 1938, he married GeorgeAnn Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Jackson, of New York City. They have one son, Jonathan Jackson Slocum, born April 11, 1944. 2. Jessica, born in New York City, May 6, 1915; educated at the Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, New York, and the Miss Nixon and Miss Sheldon's school at Florence, Italy. On the twenty-first of December, 1940, she was married to Joseph Cass Woodle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernon Woodle, of Irvington-on-the-Hudson. Mr. Woodle was graduated from Princeton University, and the law school of the University of Virginia with the

degree of Bachelor of Laws. He is now serving in the United States Navy as lieutenant (j. g.) at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Woodle have two children: i. Joanne Slocum Woodle, born at Charlottesville, Virginia, April 22, 1942. ii. Peter Cass Woodle, born in New York City, June 30, 1944.

JOHN G. LA DUE—Engaged in business in Cold Spring as a publisher and printer, John G. La Due is one of this community's leading citizens and business men. He owns and publishes, among his other activities, the "Putnam County News and Recorder."

Mr. La Due was born March 24, 1917, in Cold Spring, New York, son of James G. and Elsie (Selleck) La Due. His paternal grandfather, William H. La Due, was the only Democratic candidate to be elected to the State Assembly from Putnam County in the late nineties, when there was a strong Republican landslide. James G. La Due, John G. La Due's father, was born in Cold Spring, and owned the lumber company of W. H. La Due & Sons, in this community, until his death, December 5, 1924. This same enterprise continues today under the name of the Cold Spring Lumber Company, Inc. The father was also at one time a justice of the peace here.

John G. La Due attended public schools, and in 1936 was graduated from Haldane High School, in Cold Spring. He then studied at Ithaca College, in Ithaca, New York, in 1937 and 1938, after which he turned to his present business as publisher and printer. In January, 1939, he purchased the "Putnam County News" from W. Osborn Webb, and he continues to issue this paper down to the time of writing. He has succeeded in making it an organ expressive of the life of Westchester and Putnam counties, in both of which it circulates.

The La Due family is widely known in this part of Putnam County because of the many-sidedness of interest that its members have shown with regard to the life of the district. The old lumber firm that Mr. La Due's father conducted carried on an extensive building and contracting business in this region, and erected many public and private edifices in the town of Philipstown.

In Chelsea, New York, September 28, 1940, John G. La Due married Dorothy Hammond, of that place, daughter of Ned C. and Beatrice (Van Voorhis) Hammond. They became the parents of a son, John G. La Due 2d, who was born April 9, 1943, in Cold Spring.

WILLIAM CHURCH OSBORN—For years active in the practice of law in New York City, William Church Osborn is a member of the law firm of Osborn, Fleming and Whittlesey. He has a home in New York, and also one in Garrison.

Mr. Osborn was born December 21, 1862, in Chicago, Illinois, son of William Henry and Virginia Reed (Sturges) Osborn. After completing his preliminary



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education, he entered Princeton University, where in 1883 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then studied law at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1889. Subsequently he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Toronto, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in 1940 took the same degree from Harvard, and received the degree of Doctor of Laws from both Princeton University and Columbia University. Dr. Osborn has been engaged in the practice of his profession in New York City since 1889, and is, as above indicated, a member of the law firm of Osborn, Fleming and Whittlesey.

Among his other activities, Mr. Osborn is a director of the Phelps Dodge Corporation. His activities in civic and public life have been many-sided and constructive. In 1894 he was a member of the New York State constitutional convention. In 1899 he was legal member of the New York State Commission in Lunacy. He also served as legal adviser to Governor Dix in 1911, was chairman of the markets committee of the New York State Food Investigating Commission in 1912, and from 1914 to 1916 acted as chairman of the Democratic committee of New York State. In 1905 he became a member of the chamber of commerce committee on the New York City police problem.

In addition to these undertakings, Mr. Osborn is a life member of the board of trustees of Princeton University, and he is president and chairman of the budget committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A member of the Society for Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, he was president of this organization from 1910 to 1938. He has rendered valuable service, too, as chairman of the Citizens' Budget Commission of New York City. In 1939 Mr. Osborn was a director of the New York World's Fair of that year and president of its Temple of Religion. He is president of the Children's Aid Society and of the Hudson River Conservation Society, Inc., and belongs to the Down Town Club, the Century Association, the University Club and the City Club. He is senior warden of St. Philip's Church, of Garrison, New York. He is also an officer of the Order of the Italian Crown.

On June 3, 1886, William Church Osborn married Alice C. H. Dodge, daughter of William E. Dodge, Jr., and Sarah (Hoadley) Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have four children: 1. Frederick H. Osborn, a graduate of Princeton, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and at present is a major general, serving in World War II. 2. Aileen (Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb). 3. Earl Dodge Osborn, a manufacturer. 4. William H. Osborn.

WALTER AVERILL, II—The Averill and Coughlan families have been identified with Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, over a long period. Of the second gen-

eration is Walter Averill, II, who, after his graduation from college, entered Nelson House, and since May, 1942, has been its manager.

He is a native of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, born August 29, 1916, son of Walter and Margaret (Carlisle) Averill. His father, now deceased, was manager of Nelson House from 1918 to his passing in 1922 and Emmet Coughlan was manager from 1922 to 1942. The son of this record was educated in the schools of his birthplace; was graduated from Phillips-Andover Academy in 1934, and from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, class of 1938, Bachelor of Arts degree. He then became associated with his uncle, Emmet Coughlan, in the management of Nelson House, and was made manager in May, 1942. Walter Averill is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity, and is a member of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club, and the University Club. He attends Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie.

At Tenants Harbor, Maine, on August 24, 1941, Walter Averill, II, married Margaret Miller Moore, daughter of Harvey John and Rose (Louis) Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Averill are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Moore, born March 2, 1943.

JUDGE EDWARD K. HAAS—During an eventful legal career, Judge Edward K. Haas has served as a first assistant public prosecutor and as a member of the judiciary. He has also maintained an active private practice during most of the years since his admission to the bar in 1911. Having himself learned law as a student in the office of a local attorney, Judge Haas has been sympathetic in his relations with younger lawyers, and has helped many of them to become established in the legal field in Poughkeepsie. A native of the city, Judge Haas is well known here not only because of his professional accomplishments, but also because of his spirited efforts in support of social and civic projects.

Judge Haas was born at Poughkeepsie on April 20, 1889, son of John A. and Julia T. (Frank) Haas. His father was formerly associated in the Swartz Tobacco Company at Poughkeepsie, and died at an advanced age. Edward K. grew up in Poughkeepsie and attended the public grammar and high schools here, receiving the customary general education. He then prepared for the law by studying in the office of Frank B. Lown, at Poughkeepsie. He was admitted to the bar of the State of New York on June 6, 1911, and remained in association with Mr. Lown until January 1, 1916.

On the latter date Judge Haas took office as first assistant district attorney, under Judge Aldrich. He continued to hold this position until December, 1922. During the period in which he was engaged in this work, in 1921, he entered a law partnership with Aldrich and Morchauser, the new firm title being Aldrich, Morchauser

and Haas. This partnership was dissolved in December, 1933, when one of the partners, Mr. Aldrich, was elected a Supreme Court judge. Since 1933 Judge Haas has conducted the practice formerly conducted by the partnership.

On January 1, 1930, Edward K. Haas took office as city judge for Poughkeepsie. He is now engaged in a general law practice. He was the appeal agent for Selective Service Local Board No. 320, at Poughkeepsie, and has been the attorney and a director of the Falkill National Bank & Trust Company since January, 1934. He is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Judge Haas is a member of the Republican party, and has been active in the affairs of the local organization. He was chief air raid warden for Poughkeepsie. His social affiliations include membership in the Amrita Club and the Rotary Club. His favorite recreations are reading, the theatre, the raising of flowers, and cards.

In 1913, at Poughkeepsie, Judge Edward K. Haas was married to Mary Eckerline, daughter of Charles and Mary (Cary) Eckerline. He is a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Poughkeepsie, and he and his wife are the parents of four children: 1. Elizabeth, a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts degree, who holds the position of stenographer to the Dutchess County Surrogate Court. She married Richard F. Conrad, who served in the United States Coast Guard and was injured during the invasion of France. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born September 8, 1944. 2. Margaret, attended Cornell University, is now working in the insurance business as secretary to an executive. She married Frank Smith, now serving in the United States Army. 3. Jean, who attended Syracuse University, and is now secretary to the dean of the doctors of Vassar College. 4. Shirley, graduated from Poughkeepsie High School, and is now a student at Cornell University.

SENATOR THOMAS C. DESMOND—Widely known for his previous active rôle in business and for his present activities in public affairs, Thomas C. Desmond, of Newburgh, has been a member of the New York State Senate since 1930. He has done much work of importance in this connection, sponsoring such valuable legislation as that providing an eight-hour day for State employees, slum clearance and housing, and other progressive measures. He was once in the shipbuilding business as supervisor of the construction of vessels for the United States Government through his position as president and chief engineer of the Newburgh Shipyards, Inc.

Mr. Desmond was born September 15, 1887, in Middletown, New York, son of Thomas Henry and Katherine

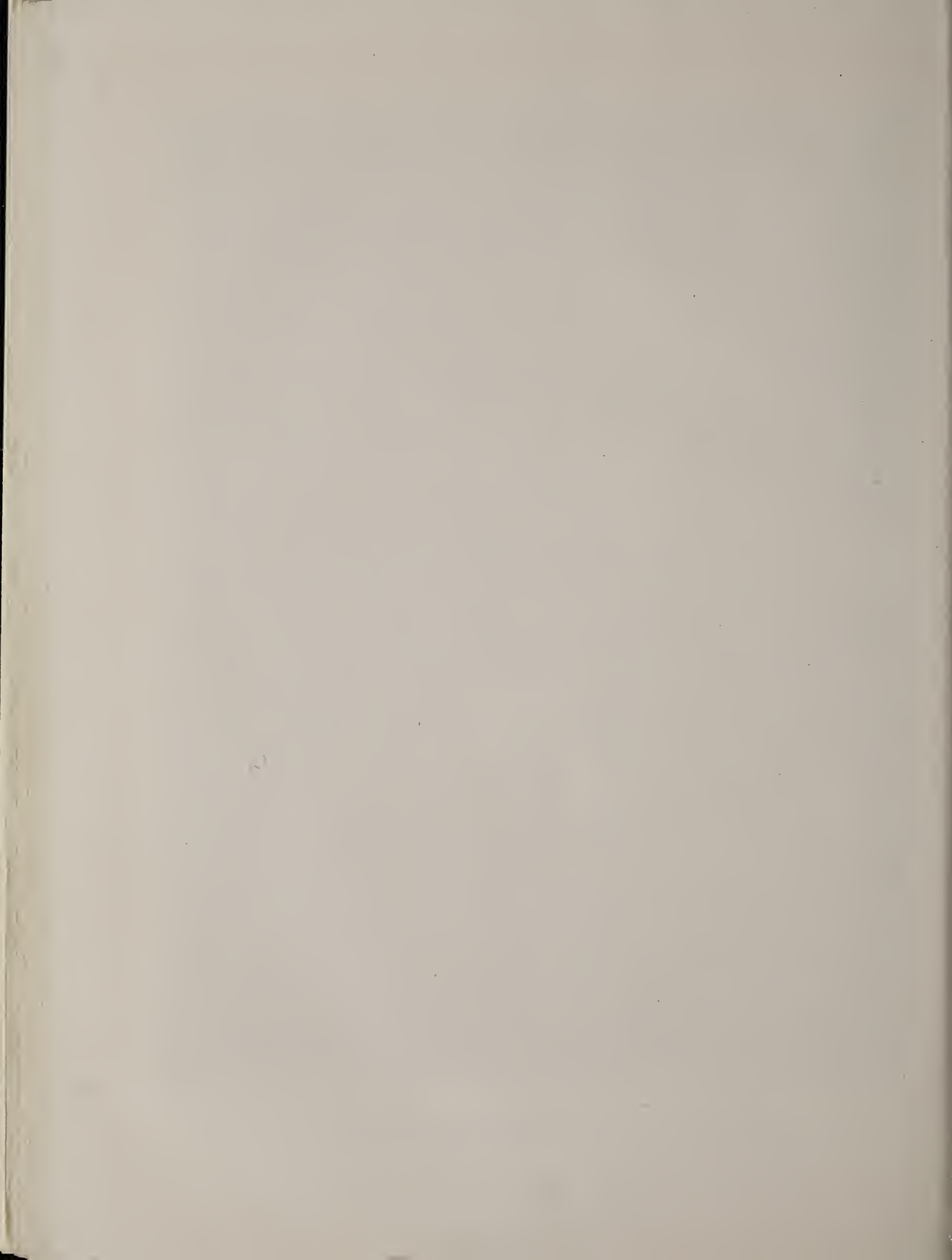
(Safried) Desmond. He received his early formal education in Middletown schools, then became a student at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in 1908. In 1909 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1939 Union College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of his many attainments, citing him as "the best-informed member of the Senate of this State." After completing his academic work, in 1909, Mr. Desmond became engaged in construction work in that year, so continuing until 1914 in different parts of the United States. He then organized the engineering and contracting firm of T. C. Desmond & Company, New York City, heading it as its president from that time until he retired from his more demanding business connections in order to give nearly full time to his public work. In addition to becoming president of T. C. Desmond & Company, Mr. Desmond became president of the Colonial Terraces Corporation and the Curtis & Curtis Company.

An outstanding achievement of his business career, in its more public aspects, is Mr. Desmond's service as president and chief engineer of the Newburgh Shipyards, Inc. This company employed three thousand men and more to supervise the building of twelve 9,000-ton steel ships for the United States Government. The ships were produced very rapidly, and were of such quality as to give the builders a splendid reputation for craftsmanship. Much credit was reflected upon the Newburgh Shipyards and upon Mr. Desmond himself for his achievement and that of the local organization in this connection. Newburgh has further cause to be proud of Mr. Desmond's business attainment, too, in the fact of the existence of "Colonial Terraces," as the two hundred family model housing development of the Colonial Terraces Corporation is known. His experience along these lines proved later to be of great value when he became interested in slum clearance and housing developments as public enterprises.

A man whose attainments were of such magnitude as to cause others to consult him when great projects were under way, Mr. Desmond was called upon by his close personal friend former President Theodore Roosevelt, to organize a regiment of engineers for the proposed Roosevelt Volunteer Division. The purpose of the division was to render service in France; but the plan was rejected by the Federal Government, and Mr. Desmond's services were requisitioned as a shipbuilder instead. Mr. Desmond's earlier political activities proceeded also in close association with Theodore Roosevelt, even as early as 1916, when he served as treasurer of the Roosevelt Non-Partisan League. Between 1926 and 1929 Mr. Desmond acted as president of the New York Young Republican Club, and in 1928 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, repre-



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senting the Eighteenth Congressional District of New York City. Again in 1940 he was a delegate to the national convention in Philadelphia, this time from the Twenty-sixth Congressional District of New York. Continuously from 1915 to 1930 he was a member of the New York County Republican committee.

Mr. Desmond first went to the State Senate in 1930, and since that time his service at Albany has been such as to bring him ever-increasing admiration and confidence. He has sponsored a great deal of important legislation, including the city and county home rule laws, New York City charter revision, the eight-hour day for State employees, the pre-marital medical examination law, slum clearance and housing, and other valuable measures. Soon after the United States became a party to the World War, in December, 1941, Senator Desmond was appointed chairman of the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Nutrition. In this capacity he has devoted much time and talent and energy to efforts to improve the nutritional standards of the people of this State and particularly of workers in war industries. He has also been active in the furtherance of research for war time purposes at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was national president of the alumni of that institution of learning from 1930 to 1931, and from 1931 to 1936 was a member of the corporation (governing board) of the institute. He is now a life member of the corporation, and so a member of the governing board, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a life trustee of Union College, and is a leading figure in shaping the work of these two educational institutions.

Along with all his other undertakings, Mr. Desmond is a member of the advisory board of the Regional Plan Association, a trustee of the New York State Historical Association and the Temple Hill Association, and a member of the Civil Service Reform Association, the National Municipal League, the New York State Society of Professional Engineers (in which he is a director), the chamber of commerce of the State of New York, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Harvard Engineering Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Civic Association, the the National Economic League, the Society of American Military Engineers and other groups. He belongs also to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (in which his membership is honorary), the American Ornithologists' Union, the English-Speaking Union, and the Engineers' Club, the Harvard Club, the Technology Club, the National Republican Club, the Union Club, the University Club and the Union League Club, all of New York City. Mr. Desmond belongs, too, to the Powelton Club and the City Club, of Newburgh; the Fort Orange Club, of Albany; and the Harvard Club of Boston. He is also a member of the Adirondack Club, Tuxedo Club and the Lake Placid Club. In 1926 and 1927 he

was president of the Technology Clubs Associated, as one of the national alumni organizations of Massachusetts Institute of Technology is known. Mr. Desmond is a member of the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa, to which he was elected in recognition of his academic achievements. He also belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which he joined in his student years, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. In the Masonic Order he has many affiliations, including that with the Knights Templar. He is similarly a member of the Grange. In leisure time he is fond of the out-of-doors, and particularly of travel, having visited many parts of the world. Mrs. Desmond is his companion on these trips, which have taken in such varied quarters of the globe as Europe, India, Japan, China, Alaska, Sumatra and South America.

On August 16, 1923, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Thomas C. Desmond married Alice Beardsley Curtis, born in Southport, Connecticut. She is a member of a fine old American family, descended in direct line from Governor William Bradford, who came to these shores in the "Mayflower" in 1620, and from Thomas Welles, third Governor of Connecticut. She is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Junior League of New York, the Ossoli and Powelton Clubs of Newburgh, and the Colony and Pen and Brush Clubs of New York. Mrs. Desmond is widely known as a writer of travel books and books for children, and has contributed extensively to magazines and newspapers. Senator and Mrs. Desmond live at Balmville, near Newburgh, where they have developed a beautiful arboretum of nearly five hundred species of trees and shrubs, one of the largest and most varied arboretums in the United States.

THOMAS H. DeLAIRE—Associated with the Fishkill National Bank of Beacon for more than a score of years, Thomas H. DeLaire has held the position of executive vice-president and trust officer since 1935, and has been a member of the board of directors of the institution. He joined the staff of the bank in 1920, becoming the fifth cashier of the bank at a time when it was enjoying a period of especially rapid growth.

The Beacon banking institution, which is eighty-two years old, was opened for business as The First National Bank of Fishkill Landing on August 15, 1863. The first quarters occupied by the bank were in a section of the building in which it is situated today; they were leased for five years at an annual rental of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Members of the first board of directors of the bank were leading representatives of their time: Walter Brett, J. P. DeWindt, Milo Sage, James Macklin; Joseph How-

land, Daniel Brinkerhoff, H. H. Hustis, H. D. B. Bailey, and William Teller. To the position of president they elected Walter Brett; the first cashier of the institution was C. N. Jordan.

It was in 1863 that Congress passed the National Banking Act that first made it possible for National Banking associations to be chartered by the government of the United States under uniform rules and regulations. The Act made possible the issuance of national bank currency, protected by the deposit of United States bonds with the treasury, in place of the currency previously issued by the State banks, working under regulations that varied from state to state. There had been one thousand six hundred of these State banks existent in 1861, at the start of the Civil War, organized under thirty-four different state laws, issuing all the paper currency in use, which then amounted to about one hundred and fifty million dollars in the Northern States.

In July of 1861, Congress met in special session to meet emergency financial conditions by authorizing large bond issues, raising taxes, and authorizing issue of treasury demand notes. In December of 1861 the banks suspended payments on their notes in gold and silver, causing a crisis in government financing; during 1862, the greatly increased amount of treasury demand notes going into circulation caused these notes to circulate at a discount of as much as 25 per cent. at the end of the year. To meet the crisis, Congress passed the National Banking Act, creating a movement all over the country to form national banks, or to change from State to national charter those institutions already existing.

By immediate consideration of this opportunity, the founders of The First National Bank of Fishkill Landing were among the first in the country to make application for a national charter; when their charter was issued under date of July 24, 1863, it was the thirty-fifth to be granted. Only thirteen of the thirty-four banks which received their national bank charters before this institution have survived the intervening years, and continued operations under their original charters.

In 1863, under the stimulus of war-time conditions, business and manufacturing had expanded throughout the North. The industries already established in Dutchess County flourished, and new ones were initiated. Agricultural interests, always dominant in this district, were aided by good markets. Much of the traffic in farm produce and factory products was on the Hudson River; the increase in commercial activity made evident a need for banking facilities located more conveniently to the river than were those of the only commercial bank in the town of Fishkill, that at Fishkill Village.

The background of the region which the new bank was created to serve extends to seventeenth century origins. It was in 1682 that the first recorded settler of the region, Thomas Emigh, came to the present Fishkill

district. The first land purchased in Dutchess County, known as the Rombout Patent, was bought in 1683 by Francis Rombout and Gulian Verplanck from the Wappinger Indians, under a license granted by Governor Thomas Dongan, which was later confirmed by patent from the English Crown. When the town of Fishkill was incorporated in 1788, the boundaries of the Rombout Patent became the town lines.

As the population of the town increased, much of the land in the original patent changed ownership, to go under cultivation or to be developed for village sites. For some years much of the acreage was owned by three families, the Bretts in the south, the Van Cortlandts in the north, and the agricultural lands of the Verplancks in the middle. On the death of Francis Rombout, his possessions had passed to his daughter, Catharyna, who became the wife of Roger Brett.

The Bretts came to Fishkill in 1708, erected the first mill on Fishkill Creek, and a year later built a house, which, still standing at the corner of Teller and Van Nydeck Avenues, is the oldest house in the city of Beacon.

Walter Brett, the first president of The First National Bank of Fishkill Landing, was a descendant of Roger Brett. An esteemed leader in the life of the community, he was interested in all of its activities, but his main association was with his forwarding and commission business on the river; there the commerce of the Hudson River Valley was conducted until 1851, when the Hudson River Railroad was completed from New York to Albany.

Set in the midst of increasing commercial activity, the First National Bank was successful from its early days. Its cashier, Conrad N. Jordan, was a man of great ability and wide banking experience. His stay was short, to the regret of his associates at the bank, for he was called to a position in the United States Treasury in March of 1864. His successor was William C. Oakley, who remained cashier until his death in 1869. Oakley was followed in the office by Milton E. Curtiss, a native of western New York State who spent most of his life in Dutchess County. Curtiss left a position as teller of the Poughkeepsie National Bank, now the Poughkeepsie Trust Company, to accept the post of cashier at the Fishkill bank. He was cashier for thirty-nine years, continuing in office until his death in 1909, and was a member of the board of directors for twenty-one years. Thomas Aldridge was the fourth cashier, and remained in office until 1920, when he was succeeded by Mr. DeLaire. When the latter became executive vice-president and trust officer, in 1935, he was succeeded as cashier by John W. Mara.

With the development of railroads throughout the eastern commercial area, industries increased their ability to expand for new markets. Among the important enterprises of Fishkill Landing and Matteawan were the file

works of John Rothery, the Fishkill Landing Engine Company, and the New York Rubber Company.

Directing the bank in its function as a financial partner in industry were a succession of capable men. When John T. Smith was elected as third president in January of 1887, to succeed James Macklin, he began the longest period of service and responsibility of any man in that office during the fourscore years of the bank's life. He was a leader in bringing improvements to his home community, for he was deeply interested in its welfare. He led in organizing the street railroad and the electrical utilities, helped organize the Mount Beacon Association and the inclined railroad in 1900. He represented his district in the Legislature for many years, serving as a member of the railroad and banking committees. It was mainly through his efforts that the city of New York was prevented from coming into Dutchess County for a water supply.

His son, Bertram L. Smith, who is today a member of the board of directors, served as president for one year following the death of the father. Stephen S. Mapes became the fifth president in 1921, and served until his death in 1924. The bank prospered under his leadership as it did under that of Ferdinand Loughran, vice-president from 1922, who succeeded to the office of president at the death of Mr. Mapes.

The Fishkill National Bank of Beacon continues its service to the community under the leadership of its president, John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck, member of a family rich in local history, who succeeded Mr. Loughran in 1935; it was in the same year that Mr. DeLaire advanced to the position of vice-president and Mr. Mara to cashier.

JUDGE JOHN M. CASHIN—By the legal fraternity of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, Judge John M. Cashin is considered a veteran, although he did little practicing of the law until after completing military service during World War I. Relatively early in his career he was elected to public office and his recent appointment as county judge and judge of the Children's Court, was a culmination of more than twenty years of public services in varied capacities.

Judge Cashin was born in Kingston, New York, August 31, 1892, son of Martin J. and Catherine (Kelliher) Cashin, his father being a railroad man, long-time engineer on the New York Central Railroad System. John M. Cashin obtained his academic education in Kingston schools, then attended Cornell University, and was graduated from its department of law, in 1915, a Bachelor of Laws. During the following year he was admitted to the bar and for a time was associated with N. Frank O'Reilly in Kingston. For the most of the year 1918, he was a soldier in the United States Army, but was still in a training camp when the Armistice

was signed, and on December 5, 1918, he received his honorable discharge from military service.

Upon his return to civilian life, John M. Cashin returned to general practice, in Kingston, and has continued without partners to serve increasing numbers of clients. In 1922 he was elected city treasurer of Kingston; on June 12, 1922, was appointed assistant United States attorney. From the latter-named post he resigned in 1925 to become counsel to the prohibition administrator for the State of New York. From 1926 to 1934, Judge Cashin practiced in New York City, before returning to Kingston where he has since remained. From 1936 to 1941 he was corporation counsel of the city of Kingston. In 1943 he was appointed by Governor Dewey as county judge and judge of the Children's Court, a type of work for which he is especially well fitted by knowledge, temperament and past humanitarian interests. In the election of 1943 he was elected county judge and judge of the Children's Court of Ulster County for a six-year term.

Judge Cashin is a director of and counsel for the Roundout National Bank. From 1941 to 1943 he was chairman of the War Price Administration Board for the city of Kingston. Professional memberships include those in the Ulster County Bar Society and the New York State Bar Association. His clubs are the Twalfskill, the Wiltwick, and he formerly belonged to the Rotary Club, of Kingston. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He attends St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Golf is his game, and the raising of roses one of his hobbies.

On December 9, 1928, at Kingston, New York, John M. Cashin married Carolyn Markle, daughter of William and Martha (Christiana) Markle.

FREDERICK STANG—One of the noteworthy traditions of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, is the high type of its legal fraternity since Revolutionary times. Among the younger members of this fraternity, Frederick Stang is, by his achievements, adding new luster to this tradition. He is a native of New York City, born March 4, 1900, son of Henry Stang, retired, and his wife, Henrietta (Housechild) Stang.

Frederick Stang was educated in the elementary schools of his birth city, the Rockland County schools and the New York Agricultural College at Farmingdale, Long Island. He did not continue to make a career of farming, although he remains a lover of the soil and enjoys gardening as a hobby. Instead he read law with Judge George R. Bartlett, of Walden, New York, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1937. Since then he has engaged in an independent general practice of the law in Kingston, serving a large number of clients. He is a member of the Ulster County Bar Society and the New York State Bar Association. He was formerly a

justice of the peace, was clerk of the board of supervisors of Ulster County, and since 1939 has been assistant district attorney. Fraternally Mr. Stang is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of one of the old hose companies for which Kingston was famous in the former days when volunteer hose companies in the Hudson Valley section and elsewhere held splendid competitions and celebrations. He attends the Presbyterian Church, is president of its board of trustees, and a generous supporter of religious and humanitarian works.

On November 10, 1934, at Angelica, New York, Frederick Stang married Doris L. Germer, and they are the parents of a son, Paul F., born November 15, 1936.

HON. HARRY HARDWICKE FLEMMING—

With the life and affairs of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, Surrogate Judge Harry Hardwicke Flemming has been identified prominently over several decades. He was born in Kingston, New York, February 13, 1874, son of Robert W. and Elizabeth Flemming. He attended local public schools and was graduated from Ulster Academy, Kingston, later matriculating at the Albany Law School, in the State capital city, 1902.

To a large degree, Judge Flemming was the captain of his own career, earning a livelihood at railroading before entering the law profession. Probably the background of practical business experience has proved helpful in his achievements, for he is well known for his judgment and acumen in human affairs, the understanding of people, and the wisdom of his counsel. Harry Hardwicke Flemming has been general counsel for the Cornell Steamboat Company, Kingston, New York, for the past two decades; president of the Rondout Savings Bank, which he also serves as attorney; local counsel for the New York Central Railroad Company; attorney for the First National Bank of Rondout; local trial counsel for the Aetna Insurance Company; member of the board of education, Kingston, for fifteen years, and president of the board for a fourteen-year term, ending in 1932. Judge Flemming served as corporation counsel for the city of Kingston during 1925-30, and has been president of the board of water commissioners for three years. Judge Flemming is serving as surrogate of Ulster County, New York, for a six-year term, commencing January 1, 1939. Equally prominent in humanitarian affairs, he has served as treasurer of the Kingston Hospital for twenty-two years, and has been president of the hospital for the past three years.

Keeping in close touch with colleagues, Judge Flemming is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, Ulster County Bar Association, of which he is a former president; the Maritime Bar Association, Bar Association of the City of New York, and the Bar Association of the Third Judicial

District (Federation) of the State of New York, of which he is a past president. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Republican Club of New York City.

In 1904, Judge Harry Hardwicke Flemming married Harriet Sherwood, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Arthur Sherwood, born in 1905, who is now United States Civil Service Commissioner, at Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Elizabeth (Flemming) Sherbondy, who resides at Chevy Chase, Maryland.

BARNARD D. VAN KLEECK—The passing of Barnard D. Van Kleeck removed from Poughkeepsie a descendant of its earliest settlers, and the proprietor of a widely known business which has been conducted by the family since its founding by Henry Van Kleeck in 1869. Mr. Van Kleeck was a member of the sixth generation from Baltus Barentsen Van Kleeck, born in 1644, died in 1717, who is credited with having built the first home in Poughkeepsie, in 1702, at a site now defined as on the south side of Mill Street between Vassar and Washington streets. The B. D. Van Kleeck Dental Depot, now located in the Reformed Church Building on the corner of Main and Market streets, was operated by Mr. Van Kleeck for a period of forty-seven years, from the time he joined his father in the business until his own death.

Barent Van Kleeck, first of the family in Poughkeepsie, son of the original settler, Baltus Barentsen Van Kleeck, was born at Albany, in 1677. He married March 27, 1701, Antoinette Parmentier who was born in Bushwick, Long Island, in 1684. He was lieutenant colonel of the Dutchess County regiment of militia. Peter, son of Barent and Antoinette (Parmentier) Van Kleeck, was born at Poughkeepsie, and baptized January 1, 1725. He was a sergeant in the 3d Company, 2d Regiment, New York Line, of the Continental Army. He married Hannah Freer, daughter of Colonel John Freer, and died on May 31, 1777.

Barent, son of Peter and Hannah (Freer) Van Kleeck, was born at Poughkeepsie, baptized June 1, 1752; he married Hannah Boice (or Du Bois). Their son, David, was born at Poughkeepsie July 31, 1782, and died March 17, 1847. He was married September 14, 1805, to Mary Ann Bussey, born June 1, 1787, died October 30, 1865. Barnard David, son of David and Mary A. (Bussey) Van Kleeck, grandfather of the late Mr. Van Kleeck who bore the same name, was born at Poughkeepsie on August 31, 1807, and died on May 31, 1872. He was married in New York, in November, 1829, to Elizabeth Van Siclen, who died in 1841.

Henry Van Kleeck, son of Barnard David and Elizabeth (Van Siclen) Van Kleeck, was born at Poughkeepsie on December 14, 1837, and died here on October 22, 1914. The founder of the family business in dental



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supplies went first into business with Finley Clark of New York. They established a factory at Yorkville, 86th Street for the manufacture of false teeth and had a dental depot at 241 Sixth Avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets in New York City, in 1866. Three years later he moved to Poughkeepsie, establishing in his own residence, the local business which has now continued for three-quarters of a century. Business locations for the dental depot were maintained sequentially at several places; the last during the lifetime of Henry Van Kleeck was at 333 Main Street. Henry Van Kleeck was married on November 24, 1859, to Caroline Miller, born August 19, 1839, died September 14, 1928, daughter of Alfred and Eliza (Meyers) Miller.

Their son, Barnard David Van Kleeck, was born at Poughkeepsie on May 3, 1872. He grew up in the city and attended the public schools here; while a student at the earlier Samuel F. B. Morse School No. 5, on North Clinton Street, he was a classmate of the late Mayor George V. L. Spratt. Mr. Van Kleeck was later a student at the Central Grammar School in Poughkeepsie, and at Poughkeepsie High School, then located in Washington Street at Lafayette Place. Owing to a serious illness, he left school in his senior year. His brother, Alfred M. Van Kleeck, who had been associated with their father in the dental supply business, died on December 31, 1892. In May of the following year, Barnard took his place in the family enterprise. This association with the business continued for Barnard Van Kleeck for forty-seven years, until his death November 20, 1940.

After the death of his father, on October 22, 1914, Mr. Van Kleeck purchased the business from the estate, and moved its seat of operation to 6 Cannon Street. There the business continued until June 1, 1932, when Mr. Van Kleeck was able to move it into new and more spacious quarters in the Reformed Church Building. From New York to Albany, the Van Kleeck dental depot is first in the opinion of dentists from each side of the Hudson. It includes two model dental offices, a complete gold department, a tooth and a merchandise department. In recent years a sub-depot has been established at Peekskill. Through the operation of this business, Mr. Van Kleeck was well known to dentists, dental manufacturing companies, and dealers throughout the country. The third generation of the family became represented in the business on May 16, 1927, when Mr. Van Kleeck was joined by his son, Dudley N. Van Kleeck.

Mr. Van Kleeck was a member of the American Dental Trade Association, and a hundred per cent. member of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club. He was a member of the Holland Society of New York, from December 9, 1915, and of the Dutchess County chapter of the organization. His social affiliations included membership in the Triune Lodge, No. 782, Free and Accepted Masons,

from which he had received a twenty-five year membership jewel; the Tri-Po-Bed Grotto; the Square Club of the Masonic Order; and the Royal Arcanum, which he had served as trustee and treasurer. He was a member of the Amrita Club, of the Christ Church Men's Club, and member of the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Barnard David Van Kleeck was married on October 25, 1899, to Margaret Hevenor Near, daughter of James Alfred and Maria Lydia (Brown) Near. The Brown, or Braun, family is of English descent; its members first emigrated to Holland, and later came to the American colonies. The earliest member of the family to settle in Dutchess County, Herman Brown, came to New York in 1710, and was in Rhinebeck in 1735, according to Smith's "History of Rhinebeck." He married Magdalena Hoffman, daughter of Nicholas and Jeanette (Crispell) Hoffman, whose maternal grandfather was Anthony Crispell, one of the patentees of New Paltz.

Herman and Magdalena (Hoffman) Brown were the parents of three sons, Sebastian, John, and Peter. Sebastian Brown was married on February 21, 1767, to Margaretta Schultz, daughter of Christian Otto Schultz. Sebastian died in 1818; his widow, who was born on March 6, 1745, and died on October 9, 1825, contracted a second marriage with Richard Schell. Sebastian and Margaretta (Schultz) Brown were the parents of two sons, Peter, born in 1770, and John.

John Brown, second son of Sebastian and Margaretta Brown, was born on January 30, 1773, and died on March 2, 1824. He was married on March 5, 1799, to Lydia Lasher, who was born on December 3, 1780, and died on August 18, 1849. She was the daughter of Conrad Lasher (Conrad Lasher) and Lydia Fiero. Her father was baptized on August 1, 1731; he died on September 2, 1794. He was a private in the Dutchess County Militia, 6th Regiment, in 1776, and was an Associator. Her mother, Lydia (Fiero) Lasher, was the daughter of Christian and Christina (Schnyder) Fiero, and a granddaughter of Valentine and Catrina (Schram) Fiero. Christian Fiero was born on June 28, 1724, and died between November 16, 1786 and February 26, 1787, the dates of the signing and probating of his will. He was a private in the Ulster County Militia, 1st Regiment, and was an Associator.

John and Lydia (Lasher) Brown were the parents of eight children: Abraham, William Howard, Margaret, Maria, Caroline, Julia, Emeline and Cecilia. Abraham Brown was born on March 26, 1805, and died on January 3, 1892. He was married on September 2, 1841, to Margaret Folger, who was born on March 19, 1813, and died on April 20, 1886.

Margaret (Folger) Brown, widow of Benjamin Jacques, was the daughter of John and Maria (Van Loan) Folger. In the paternal line, she was descended from John Folger, a native of Norwich, County of Norfolk,

England, who came from England in 1635 with his son, Peter, aged eighteen, and settled in Martha's Vineyard. John Folger's wife, Meriba (Gibbs) Folger, had died in England; he died at Martha's Vineyard, in 1660.

Peter Folger, who was born in 1617 and died in 1690, was married in 1644, at Martha's Vineyard, to Mary Marrill, who died in 1704. Peter Folger moved to Nantucket in 1663. The Peter Folgers were the maternal grandparents of Benjamin Franklin; their daughter, Abiah, was the mother of the famous American statesman.

Eleazer Folger, son of Peter and Mary (Marrill) Folger, was born in 1648 and died in 1716. He was married in 1671, probably in Nantucket, to Sarah Gardner, daughter of Richard and Sarah Gardner, who died on December 19, 1729. Their son, Nathan Folger, was born in 1678 and died on July 2, 1747; he was married in Nantucket, on December 29, 1699, to Sarah Church, daughter of John and Abigail Church, who was born on July 17, 1679, and died on February 3, 1745. Their son, Abashia, was the father of Abashia Folger, Jr., who was the father of John Folger, husband of Maria Van Loan and father of Margaret Folger. John Folger was born October 22, 1782, at Nantucket, and died January 7, 1834, at Athens; he married, June 11, 1803, at Athens, Maria Van Loan, born March 30, 1787, died May 14, 1849, at Athens.

In the maternal line, Margaret Folger, daughter of John Folger and Maria Van Loan, was descended from Jan Franse Van Hussum, who came to Albany in 1645, and died about 1667. He married Volkie Juriaanse, and they were the parents of eight children: Jurrian, Jacob, Volkert, Anna, Styntie, Maria, Catherine, and Johannes.

Jacob Janse Van Hoesen, son of Jan Franse and Volkie (Juriaanse) Van Hussum, married Judith Cleaum; they were freeholders in Claverack in 1720. Their son, Jan Jacob Van Hoesen, was born on February 12, 1696; he married Rachel Hollenbeck, daughter of Casper and Rachel Hollenbeck. Casper Van Hoesen, son of Jan Jacob and Rachel (Hollenbeck) Van Hoesen, was born on February 5, 1721; he married, on September 28, 1741, Maritje Van Loan, daughter of Claus Van Loan.

Elsie Van Hoesen, daughter of Casper and Maritje (Van Loan) Van Hoesen, was married on December 13, 1782, to Mathias Van Loan. They were the parents of Maria Van Loan, wife of John Folger, and mother of Margaret Folger, wife of Abraham Brown.

Maria Lydia Brown, daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Folger) Brown, was born on March 7, 1845, and died on August 21, 1937. She married, on August 25, 1864, James Alfred Near, son of Matthias Rowe and Elizabeth (Cramer) Near of Red Hook, who was born on August 12, 1841, and died on July 9, 1900. They were the parents of Margaret Hevenor Near, who married Barnard David Van Kleeck, October 25, 1899.

Barnard David and Margaret Hevenor (Near) Van Kleeck were the parents of two children: 1. Ralph Emerson, who was born on August 31, 1902. He received his elementary education at Governor George Clinton School No. 8, and was a student at Poughkeepsie High School, graduating in the class of 1919 and taking a post-graduate course. He then matriculated in the Towne Scientific School, University of Pennsylvania, completed the undergraduate curriculum there, and took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the 1924 commencement. His professional career began with a position as cadet engineer at the Sioux City, Iowa, Gas & Electric Company. He was successively assistant engineer at the Nashville, Tennessee, Gas & Heating Company; assistant engineer at the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Gas Company; and an assistant engineer at the United Gas Improvement Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While holding this position, he was for a time, from May to September of 1925, on leave of absence while working for J. Rowland Bibbons, of Washington, District of Columbia, as junior engineer on the valuation of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. in a fare rate case heard before the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania, in the City Hall, Philadelphia. Later he was a gas engineer at the Philadelphia Electric Company; gas superintendent at the Delaware County Division of the Philadelphia Electric Company; electric superintendent of the Delaware County Division, Philadelphia Electric Company; senior engineer, transmission and distribution department, Philadelphia Electric Company; and senior engineer of the system planning department, Philadelphia Electric Company. He is a member of Triune Lodge, No. 782, Free and Accepted Masons, Poughkeepsie, and of Trinity Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Nashville, Tennessee. He is a member of Theta Xi fraternity, and of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He is a member of the Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie, and attends the St. Aesop's Episcopal Church, Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. Ralph Emerson Van Kleeck married (first) October 11, 1928, Elinor J. Knobel, of Baltimore, Maryland, who died on September 18, 1930. He married (second), April 12, 1934, Lyal Elizabeth Hertzler, daughter of Elmer and Mary Armitage (Mittnacht) Hertzler, of Philadelphia. They are the parents of two children: 1. Barnard David, III, born on March 23, 1935, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2. Joan Ann, born on September 15, 1938, at Philadelphia.

Dudley Near Van Kleeck, second son of Barnard David and Margaret Henevor (Near) Van Kleeck, was born on August 27, 1904. He received his preparatory education at Poughkeepsie High School, then enrolled at the Wharton School of Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics. He was associated with

the Ritter Dental Manufacturing Company, of Rochester, and the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, until 1927, when he entered business with his father. Upon the death of the latter, he became manager of the B. D. Van Kleeck Dental Depot, until he entered the United States Army, November 9, 1942. A captain in the sanitary corps, medical procurement division, he is on duty in New York City. He is a member of the Theta Xi fraternity, the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club, the University Club, the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club, the Holland Society, Christ Church Men's Club, Free and Accepted Masons, Triune Lodge, No. 782, in Poughkeepsie, the Square Club, and the American Dental Trade Association. He is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church and was at one time an associate vestryman. On August 30, 1930, Dudley Near Van Kleeck was married to Lillian Lois Hurlbut, daughter of Hubert Henry Hurlbut and Lillian (Hill) Hurlbut, of Tully, New York.

Barnard David Van Kleeck died on November 20, 1940, in the New York Hospital. He was stricken with a stroke on November 18, while in New York City on a business trip. Through his long and wholesome contributions to community life in Poughkeepsie, and through the inviolate integrity which marked his business dealings, he built up during his lifetime a number of friendships which assure that his memory will not soon pass away. For in the case of a man who had been associated so intimately with the district in which he lived, not only through his family ties but also through his personal activity, it is not only the immediate family that mourns, but the larger group which makes up the civic family. Such it was with Barnard David Van Kleeck, whose death was a shock and sorrow to Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County.

CLYDE F. GARDNER—Widely known in professional and business life in Saugerties, Clyde F. Gardner carries on a practice of law here and is president of the Catskill Mountain Publishing Corporation and of the Catskill Mountain House, Inc.

Mr. Gardner was born December 5, 1898, in Alsen, New York, son of J. Frank and Nellie L. (Rightmyer) Gardner. His father's and mother's families were both established early in this region of New York State, and for generations have been native here. The father, J. Frank Gardner, was a carpenter and contractor.

Saugerties public schools furnished Clyde F. Gardner's formal education through the high school grades, and he was graduated from Albany Law School, the law department of Union University. Admitted to the bar in 1923, he commenced a general practice of his profession in Saugerties. He now has a lucrative practice here and is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of this area. He is counsel to three local banks—the Saugerties Sav-

ings Bank, the Saugerties National Bank & Trust Company and the Saugerties Savings & Loan Association.

In addition to his professional activities, he is, as indicated above, president of the Catskill Mountain Publishing Corporation and president of the Catskill Mountain House, Inc. A Republican in politics, he formerly served as a police justice, and was an adviser on his local draft board. During the First World War he was in the army, but saw only domestic service. He is a past commander of his post of the American Legion, as well as a past county commander and past executive committeeman of the State organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Saugerties Lodge, Kingston Council of Royal and Select Masters, Rondout Commandery of Knights Templar (of which he is a Past Commander), and Cyprus Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member, too, of the Shrine band. Mr. Gardner is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and belongs to the Lions Club of Saugerties and to the Dutch Reformed Church, and the Ulster County Bar Association. In spare time he enjoys cooking as a pastime, and among friends and acquaintances has a considerable reputation as an amateur chef.

Clyde F. Gardner married Katherine Lamb, who died in 1930. Their daughter, Ellen H. Gardner, was born September 20, 1930, and is at the time of writing a student at Saugerties Junior High School.

ERNEST R. ACKER—President of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Poughkeepsie, New York, Ernest R. Acker is a native of East Orange, New Jersey, born October 18, 1895. After graduating from Ossining High School he entered Cornell University, pursuing courses in mechanical engineering and receiving the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta and Tau Beta Pi fraternities.

While attending Cornell University, Mr. Acker worked during his summer vacation for the G. M. Gest Contracting Company, Newburgh, New York, in 1914; as a special apprentice in the Harmon shops of the New York Central Railroad Company, in 1915; and as a lineman for the Yonkers Electric Light & Power Company in the summer of 1916. He left college in April, 1917, after making application for a commission in the Engineers Corps, United States Army; and was graduated with his class on May 1, 1917.

Mr. Acker worked at the Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, until the receipt of his commission as second lieutenant, Engineers Corps. Beginning September 1, 1917, he was ordered to the 2d Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps training camp at the American

University, Washington, District of Columbia, for three months training. Early in December he received orders to join the 30th Engineers at the American University, and in the latter part of December proceeded to France with a group of ten other officers of the regiment, to receive training in offensive gas warfare. After attending the Offensive Gas School, at Helfaut, France, he was assigned as construction officer of the gas service experimental field near Chaumont and assisted in the construction and equipping of the offensive and defensive training quarters. Subsequently he was adjutant of the experimental field, under command of Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Atkinson, who also commanded the 1st Gas Regiment, formerly the 30th Engineers.

Mr. Acker was promoted to first lieutenant, chemical warfare service in the summer of 1918, was assigned to active duty with his regiment in the early fall of 1918, and served with the regiment until the end of the war. He returned to the United States in February, 1919, in command of Company "C," 1st Gas Regiment. Although recommended for promotion to a captaincy, before any action was taken on this recommendation he was honorably discharged from the service in March, 1919.

Following his discharge from the United States Army, Mr. Acker entered the employ of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company, Poughkeepsie, New York, on March 18, 1919. He started in the engineering department, working on design and general construction, until October, 1921. At that time he was made general superintendent, Kingston Gas & Electric Company, Kingston, New York, controlled by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company. He returned to Poughkeepsie in February, 1925, as assistant to the commercial manager, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company. In July of that year he was made general commercial manager, and in January, 1926, was elected a director of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company, which by consolidation with other companies controlled by the same interests, became the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, January 1, 1927. On August 20, 1932, Mr. Acker was elected president and general manager of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.

Mr. Acker has been an active participant in the affairs of the Empire State Gas & Electric Association, served as its president for two years and when it disbanded in 1941 was a member of its managing committee. He is a member of the operating committee of the Edison Electric Institute, was treasurer of the American Gas Association in 1939-42; has served as vice-chairman and chairman of its commercial section, and is now past president of the association and for two years was chairman of the committee on war activities. Mr. Acker has given considerable attention to various civic and educational activities in the community, with many of which

he is still actively identified. He is a past director and a past president of the Poughkeepsie Community Chest; a trustee and a past president of Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie; past president of the Poughkeepsie Elementary Day School; and he has also been a member of the Rotary Club in Kingston and Poughkeepsie. His clubs and organizational connections include: Dutchess Golf and Country Club of which he is a director; The Engineers' Club, New York; The Holland Society; Amrita Club, Poughkeepsie; American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of the Vestry of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie. His hobbies are sailing, golfing, bowling and woodworking.

In 1923, Ernest R. Acker married Marie Geraldine Desmond Nelson, daughter of Mrs. William Nelson, of New York City and Poughkeepsie. Mr. and Mrs. Acker are the parents of two sons: Ernest R., Jr., born in 1924, and Fitzgerald Desmond, born in 1927. The family home is "Spring Gable," Poughkeepsie.

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION—At the turn of the century the original company was formed from which the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation has been developed to serve the mid-Hudson area, and through its more than forty years of progress the organization has continued under the same management. The formation of the Newburgh Light, Heat & Power Company on November 10, 1900, was the beginning of the present Central Hudson System, for this combining of gas and electric interests in Newburgh into one unit initiated the regional service which now reaches up and down the Hudson River Valley.

Electric service in this mid-Hudson area, as well as in the metropolitan district, traces its ancestry directly back to a station which was installed and operated under the personal supervision of Thomas A. Edison himself. In 1884, only two years after New York City's famous Pearl Street Station gave the world its first community electric system, the great inventor had dynamos operating on Montgomery Street in Newburgh as the Edison Electric Illuminating Company began sending current along the lines. Newburgh was one of the first cities in the world to have electric lighting from a central plant. This important local event in electrical history is commemorated by a tablet on the original building in Newburgh, which has played a part in electric service ever since, and now houses one of the many Central Hudson substations.

The year following the organization of the original Central Hudson company in Newburgh, the same group of pioneers in regional service acquired and combined the gas and electric companies in Poughkeepsie, establishing the Poughkeepsie Light, Heat & Power Company in 1901 as the second unit in the growing system, later named the Central Hudson. Utility companies serving

other main communities of the region were later acquired, so that in 1919 Kingston, Catskill and Saugerties* were made part of the franchise territory, while the Beacon company came into the system in 1924, with smaller utilities being brought into the picture during the same period. These individual companies were welded together under one management until on January 1, 1927, six companies, owned and operated by Central Hudson, were consolidated into the present Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, representing more than sixty forerunner local utility companies.

During its forty-two years of progress, the Central Hudson organization has built up a regional gas and electric system providing ample facilities for the many communities in its area, and anticipating community growth—a system which was therefore ready to shoulder the heavy, unexpected demands of war, as local industries took their position on the war production front, to help get there “with the mostest” as speedily as possible.

The compact unit of territory served by the Central Hudson company, which borders both shores of the Hudson River, comprises about two thousand, six hundred square miles, includes sections of Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Greene, Albany and Columbia counties, contains nearly two hundred communities small and large counting only those listed in the United States Postal Guide and has a population of approximately two hundred and fifty-eight thousand. The development of a gas and electric system to serve this area efficiently and economically has included the combining of individual companies' resources; the closing of small, inefficient plants except as needed for standby use; the rebuilding and modernizing of other units; extensive construction providing additional local power and gas supply with the necessary transmission and distribution lines and mains; and interconnection with power systems outside the area, creating operating economies, increasing capacity and providing the most dependable supply of electricity throughout the area. The company has five hydro plants and one standby steam plant in various locations in the area, and the company's network of lines, reaching out into remote hamlets, covers the territory so thoroughly that electricity has been made available to ninety-eight per cent. of the region's population, for homes, farms, hospitals, business, industry, streets, highways and public buildings.

Among the company's outstanding construction projects were two hydro-electric generating stations, the interconnected steel tower lines and many substations; a modern gas compressor plant and million cubic-foot holder; the high pressure gas transmission system includ-

*Electric service only is supplied in Saugerties by the Central Hudson company. A separate firm, the Saugerties Gas Light Company, provides the gas service, securing its supply of this modern fuel from the high pressure system of Central Hudson.

ing three submarine crossings beneath the Hudson, and several high-pressure gas holders at strategic locations.

The development and operation of the regional system have been made possible largely through the support of the people in the area served, many of whom are owners as well as customers. The Central Hudson company was a pioneer in customer-ownership as well as in regional service—in fact, it was the first company in the country to institute a customer-ownership policy, which was done in 1912.

Throughout its many years of growth and progress, the Central Hudson organization has taken a real interest in the sound development of the region and its communities, assisting many local groups to develop the region's many resources for residential growth, vacation and resort business and industrial activity. The Hudson Valley Apple Blossom Festival, conducted for several years before it became a war casualty for the duration—the development of various sections as popular vacation resorts, both in normal times and war time—the company's cooperation with the government in assigning personnel to facilitate procedure between industries and the War Production Board and speed up the machinery of war production—are a few of the activities representing Central Hudson's all-around interest in the region it serves for the benefit of all concerned.

JOHN H. BAHRET—Although John H. Bahret is a relatively young man, he has been identified with the ice business in the Hudson River Valley section at Poughkeepsie since the time when natural ice was shipped down to New York City in large quantities. He was no idle spectator when the change began in the direction of manufactured ice production, and became a pioneer in this industry in the city, the founder of a company which is the oldest here in point of continuous operation.

Mr. Bahret was born in Poughkeepsie, April 11, 1890, son of Christian F. and Marie (Hohl) Bahret, his father being an important business man who engaged in a number of enterprises. After attending the grade and high schools of his birthplace, John H. Bahret completed his preparation to make a livelihood by courses in the Eastman Business College, an institution that has graduated many fine leaders in all parts of the United States. At the beginning of his career, Mr. Bahret joined his father, then a dealer in natural ice. At that time the banks of the Hudson River were scattered with great ice storage houses to Albany and beyond, although Poughkeepsie was not far from where the tides of the river reached.

As mentioned, when young Bahret became convinced that the public was turning toward manufactured ice, he founded the Bacu Ice Corporation for the making of this product. Keeping step with developments, this concern erected a storage plant, one of the largest in the Hudson River Valley region, eighty thousand cubic feet,

containing some four or five hundred lockers. The ice-making capacity of the plant is one hundred and forty tons daily, with some twenty thousand square feet of floor space available in both plants. John H. Bahret has been president of the corporation since it was organized. Other executives include S. E. Wachenfeld and George M. Currie.

In civic matters Mr. Bahret has long been keenly interested and helpful. He was town clerk of the municipality for four years, a member of the town council for an equal length of time, and for two years was supervisor. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand. Along business lines, he is a member of the National Association of Cost Accountants.

In 1916, John H. Bahret married Helen P. Hefferman, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Eleanor, a graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; married Mr. Spencer, and they have a daughter and a son. 2. Marie, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, a registered nurse, now Mrs. Frederick Brown, and has one daughter. 3. John H. Bahret, Jr., married Jean Doxie, and they have a son. Mr. Bahret, Jr., is a graduate of Rider College.

EMERSON WESLEY ADDIS—The name Addis has been associated with "The Brewster Standard" of Brewster, Putnam County, for seventy years. During all but the first few years, this newspaper has been edited and published by Emerson Wesley Addis and his daughter, Marjorie L. Addis, and his son, Emerson Wesley Addis, Jr. Both Mr. Addis and his son were well grounded in the profession of journalism and in the mechanics of printing, and both won the approval of their community and county for fine work in both fields. Each was more than a chronicler of passing events—they moulded public opinion, were civic-minded and contributors to local progress and welfare, helping to make history while they published its development.

At no very great distance from Brewster, New York, Emerson Wesley Addis was born at Litchfield, Connecticut, October 13, 1853. At the age of thirteen in 1865, he began an apprenticeship in the plant of the "Litchfield Inquirer." Three years later he was a job printer at "Hutchinson's" in Hartford, Connecticut, and was connected with the office of the "Danbury News" during 1869 and 1870. From 1870 to 1873, he was editor of the "New Milford Times." In other words, before he had become of age, Emerson Wesley Addis was a thoroughly experienced printer and editor, a man who could perform practically any operation identified with the issue of a newspaper.

He celebrated his twenty-first year by a few months with the "Times" of Appleton, Wisconsin, returning

East to become, on May 1, 1874, foreman and local editor of "The Brewster Standard," Putnam County, New York, thus beginning an association with this journal that was continued until his own passing many years later. "The Brewster Standard" was then (1874) under the management of Frank Wells, until April, 1877, and then was taken over by John G. Borden, who in April, 1880, disposed of his interests to Mr. Addis, who edited and published the paper, and carried on a job printing business during more than forty years. This, it might be pointed out, was a period in which major developments were taking place in the United States, including two foreign wars. It was also a period in which the casualties among "small town" newspapers were frequent and large. Upon the death of Mr. Addis, in 1922, he was succeeded as editor and publisher by his brilliant and efficient daughter, Marjorie L. Addis, posts of responsibility that she has since continued to fill most capably. She likewise is not unfamiliar with the mortality in the type of paper she gets out. Outstanding in journalistic history is the continuity of management of "The Brewster Standard." The record of sixty-four years of ownership by two members of a single family, is one that has few equals.

Emerson Wesley Addis wielded more influence and power than was due to his newspapers, and he had the ear of great men and small in public life. A staunch Republican in political affiliations he did valiant and important work for his party in Southeastern New York. He was chairman for some years of the Putnam County Republican County Committee, when Levi P. Morton, after serving in Congress, as Minister to France and Vice-President of the United States, was made Governor of New York. Mr. Addis was clerk of the Assembly. He was elected a member of the Assembly, in November, 1896, and returned to his seat for a second term. President Benjamin Harrison appointed him postmaster of Brewster, and he was continued in this office by Presidents William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. In connection with the Croton Reservoir project, he served on several commissions handling condemnation proceedings. This was no popular job, but his reputation for integrity, fairness and genuine public spirit carried him through difficult situations with flying colors. All who knew him were proud of their acquaintance, and his death on August 23, 1922, was sincerely mourned by a legion of friends.

In 1889, Emerson Wesley Addis married Esther Lobdell, daughter of Alexander Frazier and Julia (Paddock) Lobdell, and they became the parents of the following children: Marjorie L., Barbara W., Emerson Wesley, Jr., of previous mention, died March 7, 1937; and Alexander L. Marjorie L. Addis, since 1922 has been the editor and publisher of "The Brewster Standard."



E. O. Addis

BERTRAM L. SMITH—For many years Bertram L. Smith has been prominent in banking and financial circles in Beacon and this vicinity of New York State. He was treasurer of the Beacon Savings Bank until his retirement in 1935, and still continues as one of its directors, and as a trustee of the Matteawan National Bank, of Beacon.

Mr. Smith was born February 6, 1871, in Beacon, New York, son of John T. and Carolyn (Pitman) Smith. His family is an old one in this area. His paternal grandfather, Silas G. Smith, was president of the Mechanics Savings Bank, of Beacon, and in that position was succeeded by John T. Smith, Bertram L. Smith's father, who so served until his death in January, 1920, a period of thirty-seven years. John T. Smith was one of New York State's best known and most prominent bankers, and for many years was chairman of Group No. 7 of the State Bankers' Association, and also served many years as president of the Fishkill National Bank, of Beacon, and several years in the New York State Legislature.

Bertram Llewellyn Smith attended public schools in Beacon, his birthplace, and was graduated from Mount Beacon Academy. Subsequently he was a student at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1893. Turning to the business world to begin his active career, Mr. Smith operated a general store until 1912, when he was made treasurer of the Mechanics Savings Bank. As already indicated, his father and grandfather had been associated with this banking institution, both of them serving as its president. Bertram L. Smith became treasurer of this bank, so serving from 1912 until his retirement in 1935.

Since that time he has retained a place on the bank directorate. He also retains other business interests, which, indeed, are so broad and far-reaching as to give him a place of leadership and high standing in his community. Throughout the long period of his service to the Mechanics National Bank, Mr. Smith was also active in the Fishkill National Bank, of which he was a director, and of which he served as president in 1920. He has served, too, as president of the Southern Dutchess Gas & Electric Company, of Maine; treasurer of the Southern Dutchess Gas & Electric Company of New York; treasurer of the Citizens' Railroad, Light & Power Company; and treasurer of the Fishkill Electric Railway Company.

Among his other activities, Mr. Smith served for a number of years as chairman of Group No. 3 of the New York State Savings Bank Association, later becoming vice-president. He has also been chairman of the legislative committee of the New York State Bankers' Association. In politics he is a Republican, and supports his party's principles and measures. Fraternally he is a member of Beacon Lodge, No. 283, of the Free and Accepted Masons and was affiliated with Highland Royal

Arch Chapter. He belongs to the Southern Dutchess Country Club, of which he was treasurer for three years, and to the Williams College Club, of New York City. He also is a member of the Kiwanis Club. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed Church, of Beacon.

A favorite interest of Mr. Smith is the theatre and dramatics. He possesses considerable histrionic talent, and has had several years of experience in amateur and professional dramatic work, officiating since 1921 as dramatic coach at Beacon High School. His Shakespearean portrayals and productions have been of a high order, calling forth commendation from professional critics. Mr. Smith is, among his other connections, a member and assistant director of the Dutchess County Theatre Guild.

Bertram L. Smith married, June 9, 1897, at Plainfield, New Jersey, Estelle Place, daughter of Charles Place and Elizabeth Swift Place.

CHARLES WILBUR HAWKINS—As president and a director of the First National Bank of Spring Valley, Charles Wilbur Hawkins occupies a position of leadership and high standing in local financial and business life.

Mr. Hawkins was born October 14, 1898, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Erastus Stansbury and Media Orlean (Howell) Hawkins. His father is now retired from his active endeavors. The mother is deceased.

Charles Wilbur Hawkins attended grammar school, and was still very young when he started the active labors of his career. In 1913 he associated himself with John Lucas & Company, Inc., dealers in paints and varnishes, in New York City. In 1914 he went with the Charles Williams Stores, Inc., in Brooklyn. In 1916 he became connected with the Citizens' National Bank, remaining with it after it was merged with the Chemical Bank & Trust Company and being appointed, in 1920, assistant manager of its new business department. So continuing until 1923, Mr. Hawkins was made, in that year, secretary and treasurer of the Commercial Trust Company, of New Britain, Connecticut. From 1927 to 1932 he was treasurer of Rackliffe Brothers Company, Inc., of New Britain. Then, on April 15, 1933, he came to the First National Bank of Spring Valley in the capacity of conservator, following the period of many bank collapses. The institution, under his guidance, was reopened in June, 1933, when Mr. Hawkins was elected cashier. He was elected vice-president, cashier and a director in 1937, and in 1938 was made president.

Continuing as president and a director today of the First National Bank of Spring Valley, Mr. Hawkins also takes a deep interest in the affairs of his community. He is a member of the Houvenkopf Golf Club, of Suffern; president of the Rockland County Bankers' Association; chairman of the Rockland-Northern Bergen USO Council; a member of Selective Service Board No. 762, of Suffern; treasurer of the State Charities

Aid Society and the Rockland County Russian War Relief; a director of the National War Fund, Inc.; and chairman of the Rockland County National War Fund.

Fraternally Mr. Hawkins is a member of Centennial Lodge, No. 118, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in New Britain, and also belongs to Giddings Chapter, No. 25, of Royal Arch Masons and Doric Council, No. 24, of Royal and Select Masters there. He is a member of the Reformed Church, in Spring Valley. In the First World War he was affiliated with Battery B, 59th Artillery Regiment, and, enlisting in April, 1917, served until he was honorably discharged, in February, 1919. Seeing extensive overseas service, he was an ammunition truck driver, and took part in the Meuse-Argonne fighting and the St. Mihiel offensive.

On February 5, 1921, in Brooklyn, New York, Charles Wilbur Hawkins married Marguerite Dunloy, daughter of William Sloane and Margaret Dunloy. They became the parents of a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth Hawkins who was born October 31, 1921.

ROBERT STEPHEN CLEAVER, M. D.—For years active in the practice of medicine in Brewster, Dr. Robert Stephen Cleaver is medical consultant of the department of public welfare of Putnam County.

Dr. Cleaver was born March 17, 1891, in Schuylerville, Saratoga County, New York, son of Sylvanus and Emma (Jacquith) Cleaver. His father, who was born in England on November 27, 1849, came to Schuylerville, New York, at the age of three years, and was a merchant all his life. He and the mother are both now deceased, and the remains of both lie at rest in Schuylerville.

Public schools of Schuylerville provided Dr. Robert S. Cleaver's early formal education, and in 1908 he was graduated from Schuylerville High School. He then became a student at Rutgers University, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in 1912, after which he attended the medical school of Cornell University, being graduated in 1916 as a Doctor of Medicine. There followed a period in which he performed valuable war time work, enlisting in the New York State National Guard as a member of the Medical Corps, 1st Field Artillery, prior to the First World War. His unit served from July to October 1916, on the Mexican border. Then, from January 1 to April 10, 1917, Dr. Cleaver was an interne at the New York Hospital, New York City. During the period of United States participation in the First World War, he was surgeon of the 2d Battalion, 106th Infantry Regiment, from April 10, 1917, to April 2, 1919, serving overseas until honorably discharged on that date. Beginning his general practice of medicine and surgery in Brewster in 1919, Dr. Cleaver has continued his work here down to the time of writing.

At the same time he has figured prominently in the general affairs of his community and district, particularly where professional activities are concerned. In 1940 he was president of the Putnam County Medical Society, and he is also a member of the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. As county consultant of the Putnam County Department of Public Welfare, he renders outstanding service to his community and district. He is a member of the staff of Northern Westchester Hospital, Mount Kisco, and serves also on the staff of Danbury General Hospital, Danbury, Connecticut. In addition to his other undertakings, Dr. Cleaver was formerly a school trustee of Brewster, and in 1919 he was appointed coroner of Putnam County by Governor Alfred E. Smith. Extending his work to other communities, he serves on the staffs of Butterfield Hospital, in Cold Spring, and Mahopac Hospital. He is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Croton Lodge (Brewster) of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Presbyterian Church. In leisure time he enjoys outdoor life, being fond of fishing. Photography is, with him, a special hobby.

In Jasper, Province of Ontario, Canada, July 24, 1917, Dr. Robert Stephen Cleaver married Lucy McGrath, a native Canadian, daughter of Sidney and Johanna (Ferguson) McGrath. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Robert Sidney, born April 19, 1920, graduated from Brewster High School and the Taft Preparatory School, in Connecticut, then took the Bachelor of Science degree at Williams College in 1942; he is a student at Cornell Medical College at the time of writing. 2. Betty Barbara, born November 16, 1924, in Brewster, graduated from Brewster High School and then afterward became a member of the class of 1945 in Mount Holyoke College.

REV. FRANCIS SYDNEY SMITHERS, Jr.—In the all too brief career of the Rev. Francis Sydney Smithers, he served his Master and his Church exceedingly well. For the most of his life his labors were identified with Southeastern New York, including the great metropolis, and won him honors among the dignitaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the high esteem of many people. He was born in New York City, in 1873, son of Francis S. Smithers, a prominent broker of the city.

After attending the schools of his birthplace, Francis Sydney Smithers, Jr., matriculated at Princeton University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1896. Entering the General Theological Seminary, New York City, he was graduated in 1899, a Bachelor of Divinity, and during the following year was ordained to the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the noted Bishop Potter. In 1899 he had become associated with Holy Trinity Church, New York City, where he spent five years of religious and humani-



Francis S. Smathers

tarian works, devoting much of his time to endeavors among the boys of the parish. In 1904, the Rev. Mr. Smithers became the rector of Grace Church, Middletown, New York, remaining to 1918, when he accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County. Within the span of the seven further years that were allotted to him, he crowded many progressive and devoted activities. The Rev. Mr. Smithers, Jr., was the founder of the Monday Clerical Club, composed of and limited to a membership of twenty rectors from this section of New York. They met for mutual benefit, for the discussion of personal and church problems, and for the gathering of that strength which comes from close human fellowship and coöperation. He long was keenly interested in the building of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in upper New York City, at great personal sacrifice of time, means and energies. He was a member of the preaching roster of The Cathedral, which in itself is an honor of the highest degree, and was affiliated with the board of trustees of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. He likewise was a member of the Council of Archdeanery of Dutchess County, an officer of the Home Missionary Society of this diocese. His clubs included the University, the Amarita, the Poughkeepsie Ministers Association, and the Dutchess Golf and Country Club. He was a frequent contributor to the literature of his religion and faith, his articles constantly finding publication in the press of the church.

Rev. Francis Sydney Smithers, Jr., married Martha Eleanor Boak, of Middletown, New York, and they became the parents of five children: Francis Sydney, III, (*q. v.*); Eleanor, Jean, John and Mary Smithers.

In his labors for others the Rev. Mr. Smithers, Jr., neglected to conserve his physical resources and death stayed his hand on October 19, 1925. Of the tributes paid him at this time by press and people, the following is culled from a Poughkeepsie newspaper:

Mr. Smithers was a man who was mourned by all, being taken in the prime of life, at the peak of his career of service for his fellowmen. He labored for others, nor did he confine his ministrations to his own peculiar profession, but reached that broader plane of unstinted service which honors no petty limitations and has its own rewards which are measured by appreciation and satisfaction of having done much for others.

FRANCIS SYDNEY SMITHERS, 3d—A resident of Red Hook, Francis Sydney Smithers has been occupied, since his retirement from business, in the development of his farm, upon which he labors as a fruit grower and dairyman. Mr. Smithers was formerly associated with the International Business Machines Corporation, as a salesman. He has been active in business and public welfare groups throughout Dutchess County, lending his assistance to fund drives and to other civic activity.

Mr. Smithers was born at Middletown, on February 20, 1909, son of Francis Sydney and Martha Eleanor (Boak) Smithers. His father was a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. As a boy, Francis Sydney received his early education in the public schools of Poughkeepsie, New York, and graduated from the Kent School in 1928. He then matriculated at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the class of 1933. He later spent a year in graduate study at the University of Geneva, in Switzerland.

During his active business career, Mr. Smithers was a leading salesman for the International Business Machines Corporation.

In April, 1938, Mr. Smithers bought a two hundred-acre farm in northern Dutchess County, upon which he now produces fruit and other farm products, in addition to maintaining a dairy herd. He is now active in other business affairs in Red Hook, where he retains the positions of vice-president and member of the board of directors of the Orchard Valley Local of the Dairymen's League.

Throughout his career, Mr. Smithers has been interested in business organizations. He is a member of the Businessmen's Association, of Red Hook, and takes a leading part in the councils of the group. He is chairman of the War Finance Committee here, is war fund chairman of the local division of the American Red Cross, and Dutchess County chairman of the Yugoslavian Relief Fund. His social affiliations include membership in the Red Hook Golf Club, and other local groups.

In Boston, Massachusetts, January 21, 1939, Francis Sydney Smithers was married to Elizabeth Marston, daughter of Walter M. and Elizabeth (Crocker) Marston, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth, born April 29, 1940. 2. Francis Sydney, IV, born March 23, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Smithers are communicants of the Episcopal faith at the St. John the Evangelist Church at Barrytown, in which Mr. Smithers is a member and president of the board of trustees.

HON. JOHN T. LOUGHRAN—Hon. John T. Loughran was born in Kingston, New York, February 23, 1889, the son of Bernard Loughran (d. 1906) and Margaret (Coffey) Loughran (d. 1904). His father was an honored and respected citizen of Kingston for many years, serving as president of the plumbing board, member of the board of education and director of the State of New York National Bank.

John T. Loughran was educated at St. Joseph's parochial school and at the old Kingston Academy, graduating from the latter in 1907. He worked as a reporter on the "Kingston Daily Freeman" for one year thereafter and then entered Fordham Law School in New York City, where he was graduated in 1911 *summa cum*

laude. He was admitted to the bar of the State of New York, November 23, 1911, and immediately took up practice. In the fall of 1912 he became a member of the faculty of Fordham University School of Law and pursued this activity, while still continuing his law practice, until June, 1930. In his teaching work he gained wide recognition. He prepared and published a case book on the law of evidence, now accepted as standard for instruction in law schools. He was the co-editor of the case book on contracts, originally compiled by Judge William A. Keener, who was Storey professor at Harvard Law School and later dean of Columbia Law School. This edition of Keener's cases has been adopted by more than twenty American law schools. He revised and supplemented Carmody's well known treatise on New York Civil Practice.

Judge Loughran was associated until 1922 with Joseph M. Fowler, formerly county judge of Ulster County. The firm of Fowler and Loughran conducted a successful law practice in Kingston. In 1922 Judge Loughran entered the law firm of Delehanty, Hannon, Evans and Loughran, with offices at 115 Broadway, New York City, where he continued until December 31, 1930.

In the fall of 1930 he was nominated by the Democratic party in the third judicial district for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and in the general election in November, 1930, was elected by a very substantial plurality. He took office on January 1, 1931. On May 21, 1934, Governor Herbert H. Lehman named him to the Court of Appeals bench, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Henry T. Kellogg, who retired at that time. Judge Kellogg's term would have expired December 21, 1934, so that Judge Loughran had but a few months to serve before the judicial election. His record and qualities were such, however, as to win the support of the voters, and at the general elections on November 6, 1934, Judge Loughran was elected for the full fourteen-year term of office. Still serving in this capacity, he has distinguished himself by his fairness and judicial poise, characteristics that eminently fit him for the position in which he serves.

As a lawyer he had an extraordinarily wide general practice and to this was added an unusual experience in the scholarship of the law. He was regularly consulted as counsel by other lawyers. The records of the Appellate courts are replete with evidence of the extent of his practice and of the scope of the questions treated by him.

His notable work in teaching, in practice and as an author of legal texts won him in 1925 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Fordham University. His tenure of office has earned him the respect and liking of the bar and has also brought him distinction as a judge.

Judge Loughran attends St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kingston. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, a past exalted ruler and honorary life member of the Kingston Lodge of Elks, a member of the Friendly

Sons of St. Patrick of New York City, the Manhattan Club, the Fort Orange Club of Albany, and the Kingston Club. He is also a member of the Ulster County and New York State Bar associations and of the National law fraternity, Delta Theta Phi.

Judge John T. Loughran married, June 15, 1915, Cornelia M. Brodhead, of Kingston, New York, who died August 7, 1938. Their son, John Brodhead Loughran, born August 27, 1916, attended public schools of Kingston through the high school grades, then became a student at Fordham University and the School of Law at Fordham, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1941. He was admitted to practice in New York in 1941, and is now serving in the United States Army Air Corps.

PHILIP F. BEAL, Sr.—One of the older important industries of Brewster, Putnam County, is that brought here by Philip F. Beal, Sr., nearly a half century ago. The inventor and perfecter of machinery for drilling wells that was a very great advance in this industry, he and his sons have since the middle of the eighteen nineties carried on a business in the manufacture of the Beal core drill, together with other associated machines, and used them constantly in local and nationwide work. It is worthy of more than passing note that a son, Captain W. Ross Beal, United States Army, recently (1943) was decorated by the Sultan of Morocco, for his success in drilling and finding water in the Sahara Desert, Africa.

The career of Philip F. Beal, Sr., is a sort of commentary on the well-known fact that the early lives of men frequently seem to have no definite pattern indicative of the future. Philip F. Beal was born at Elyria, Ohio, July 26, 1869, son of Moses Beal, also a native of Elyria, and was educated in the country schools of the district. The elder man was a farmer, and the boy was reared on his father's farm. At the age of eighteen he became restless and left home to enter the employ of one L. A. Raney who owned a large fishery on Lake Erie, at Lorain. On one of the larger boats, Philip F. Beal worked for about four months and then returned to farming during 1889. Then he attended the Sheridan Telegraph School, at Oberlin, Ohio, for three months, after which he again engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the following winter he studied telegraphy, in Oberlin, and became expert in this vocation, which was one of the most popular among young people of that time.

In the meanwhile Moses Beal had become deeply interested in well drilling and had invented what is unquestionably the best core drill upon the market, for prospectors, mining corporations, owners of mineral land and especially well drillers. Without attempting any description of well drilling or the Beal core drill, let it be explained that the putting down of iron pipe wells is nothing new. To learn from the process what material

the well passed through was difficult to discover. The Beal drill was made to cut a core out of the rock or mineral all the way down. This core could be examined and every foot of the material recorded, studied and analyzed. A great impetus to the manufacture of this type of well machinery was given by an exhibit in the World's Fair of 1893, at Chicago, Illinois, when the work of the Beal device in the form of cylinders of rock, up to thirteen feet long, and four inches in diameter, were shown to the public.

The Moses & P. F. Beal Company operated in Elyria, Ohio, until 1895, when its headquarters were removed to Brewster, New York, by Philip F. Beal, Sr. Here it has been in business ever since. The circumstance by which the business was located in the Putnam County town was the coming east of Philip F. Beal to test the concern's drill in marble quarries at South Dover, Dutchess County. The trials proved successful, and while they were being carried on, Mr. Beal drilled some thirty wells for people living in what is now called Wingdale, Dutchess County. From about 1895 he put down more than seventy-five drilled wells in the Brewster section, many of them on large estates in Putnam County and contiguous areas. At the same time he was doing core drilling on the State quarries at Poultney, Vermont, and in other states. Since about 1921, the enterprise has been known as P. F. Beal & Sons, the founder having been joined by his sons, W. Ross Beal, and Philip F. Beal, Jr.

Mr. Beal, Sr., has long participated constructively in community affairs in Brewster. He has been a member of the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department since 1898; was elected a trustee of the village of Brewster in 1912, with which office he has been identified to the present time (1944). He served six years as president of the local board of education, from 1920; and from time to time has been a member of the board. Philip F. Beal, Sr., is a former president of the Brewster Lions Club, a director of the Putnam County Savings Bank, and is affiliated with Croton Falls Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Brewster Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is president of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a liberal contributor of time and means to religious and charitable works.

At Oberlin, Ohio, December 23, 1893, Philip F. Beal, Sr., married Nellie W. Wilcox, who died November 9, 1940, daughter of H. C. and Belle (Girard) Wilcox, and they became the parents of five children: 1. M. C. Beal, a graduate of Brewster High School, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery; he served in World War I in the United States Army Dental Corps under Major General J. F. O'Ryan of the 22d Division, and after being demobilized, initiated a practice of his profession at Poughkeepsie, New York.

He married Edna Vreeland, daughter of Henry C. Vreeland of Brewster, and they are the parents of two children, both born at Poughkeepsie: Barbara and Donald. 2. Captain W. Ross Beal (*q. v.*) 3. Philip F. Beal, Jr. (*q. v.*) 4. Aileen, a graduate of Brewster High School and Syracuse University; she married Edmond G. Hawley, of Danbury, Connecticut, and they have a son, Edmond G., Jr. 5. Helen V. Beal, a graduate of Brewster High School, and attended Syracuse University. She married Donald Oothouse, of Croton Falls, and they are the parents of a daughter, Jacqueline Donna, born at Croton Falls.

CAPTAIN W. ROSS BEAL—In July, 1943, Lowell Thomas, famous personality and radio commentator, broadcast: "One of my neighbors, Captain Ross Beal, of the United States Corps of Engineers, has been digging wells for the Sultan and has just been entertained and Brewster, New York, and he dug a well at our house. His wife showed me a picture today of Captain Beal and the Sultan of Morocco. In fact, Ross has been digging wells for the Sultan and has just been entertained and decorated by the hooded and robed ruler of Morocco."

Captain Beal is a native of Brewster, born there July 11, 1895, just about the time his father, Philip F. Beal, Sr., had decided to make this Putnam County town the seat of his well-drilling enterprise. It so happened that not long after W. Ross Beal had completed his education and was gaining experience in business, the United States entered the First World War and he enlisted in the armed forces of our country and served in the United States Navy. Upon resuming civilian activities, he became associated with his father in the business that in 1921 became P. F. Beal & Sons, and as the elder son was very much to the fore in its affairs, a man of large experience in the production and handling of the multiple devices and machinery, much of which was invented or perfected by the Beals, used in the drilling of wells of the artesian type or the deep wells of the oil and mineral industries.

When our country once more became involved in a global conflict, W. Ross Beal proffered his services. Assigned to the 401st Engineers, on September 19, 1942, he was among the first of the American corps to invade Africa. His engineering unit went immediately to designated areas in the Sahara Desert, to drill wells to supply water to the forces operating in that part of Africa. Much hard work brought in the needed water, which then, and especially later, also provided water for the inhabitants of this arid district. His work in this happy connection was recognized by the Sultan of Morocco, Side Mohammed, who pinned upon the captain's coat the highest honor within the power of the Sultan, for the notable achievement.

The later record of Captain Beal is not so happy. He had sailed overseas in November, 1942, and thereafter

served exceptionally well. On August 28, 1943, he was injured in the Sicilian campaign and hurriedly sent for hospitalization by plane and ship to Africa. When he had recovered sufficiently to be moved, after internment in several African hospitals, he was brought to the Stark General Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina, and in 1944 was still hospitalized in an Atlantic City, New Jersey, institution. Captain Beal is a member of the American Legion, Argonne Post, Brewster, of which he has been a past commander and is its present head. Fraternally he is affiliated with Croton Lodge, No. 697, Free and Accepted Masons, and Croton Chapter, No. 202, Royal Arch Masons. He attends and is a vestryman of St. Andrew's Church, Brewster.

At Peekskill, New York, April 17, 1920, Captain W. Ross Beal married Florence L. Simms, daughter of William Bross and Florence S. (Cox) Simms. Mrs. Beal is active in the affairs of the Order of the Eastern Star. Captain and Mrs. Beal are the parents of the following children: 1. Norma Jane, born in Brewster, May 25, 1921, a graduate of The Knox School, at Cooperstown, New York, and of the Paine-Hall School, in New York City. She married Lieutenant Norman White, United States Army Air Corps. 2. Joan Ross, born at Brewster, May 30, 1923; a graduate of the Knox School, and Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School, New York City. She is now in the service of Uncle Sam as a member of the WAVES. 3. Dolores, born at Danbury, Connecticut, March 5, 1927, attending Brewster High School. 4. William Ross, Jr., born February 22, 1938.

PHILIP F. BEAL, Jr.—Although one of the younger group of business men of Brewster, Putnam County, Philip F. Beal, Jr., is one of the most prominent figures in the industrial field, and carries on the operations of a concern that has been identified with the community for nearly a half century. He is a native of Brewster, born December 21, 1901, son of Philip F. and Nellie W. (Wilcox) Beal, and the grandson of Moses Beal, the latter born in Elyria, Ohio. Mrs. Philip F. Beal, Sr., died November 9, 1940, after having had the pleasure of seeing her sons firmly established in life.

Philip F. Beal, Sr., as can be seen from a preceding biography, was the founder, in Brewster, of what is now P. F. Beal & Sons, drillers of artesian wells and installers of complete pumping outfits, together with a number of other items in connection with its business. The story of the Beal core drill has been related in connection with the record of the elder Mr. Beal, and therefore need not be repeated. More than two decades ago the sons entered the business and, in 1939, the father turned over the operation of the firm to the "boys." Since the enlistment of the older brother in the United States Army, in 1942, the responsibilities for the operation of the company have rested entirely upon the shoulders of Philip F. Beal, Jr.

The latter-named was educated in the grade schools of his birthplace and the Pawling School of Pawling, New York. As a young man he joined his father and brother in the family firm and has since continued his work in this connection. In Brewster he has won a reputation for executive abilities and a readiness to serve the community in any capacity not involving public service. Fraternally he is affiliated with Croton Falls Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 29, 1921, at Brewster, New York, Philip F. Beal, Jr., married Helen Tuthill, daughter of James F. and Anna (Lape) Tuthill, her father a former Putnam County engineer. Mrs. Beal attended Northfield Seminary, and is active in the affairs of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Beal, Jr., are the parents of two sons: 1. Philip F., 3d, born in Brewster, in 1922. He is a graduate of Brewster grade and high schools, Mercersburg Academy, and Williams College, class of 1943, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is now an ensign in the United States Navy. 2. Malcolm, born in Brewster, in November, 1925, a graduate of Brewster High School, now serving in the United States Army for World War II.

EUGENE P. BUDD—As banker, farmer and progressive citizen, Eugene P. Budd figured prominently in the life and affairs of Dutchess County over a long period. He was born in the town of Clinton, in 1871, a son of Lafayette and Lavina (Piester) Budd, and a member of long established Dutchess County families.

In the course of his career, Eugene P. Budd completed his formal education in DeGarmo Institute, Rhinebeck, New York, and the New Paltz Normal College. After being graduated from the latter-named institution, he taught school for several years, but when disappointed in the remuneration then paid the educator, changed the direction of his life and thereafter pursued agriculture on an ever larger scale. In Red Hook, he later owned and operated one of the largest and best farms in the township. He not only kept step with advances in the cultivation of the soil, but frequently was a step or two ahead of his neighbors, a leader in the improvement of agricultural methods, their adaption to the section in which he lived, and especially was to the fore in the fields of breeding dairy cattle and the marketing of milk and milk products.

So long ago as February 8, 1915, Mr. Budd became a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Red Hook. In January, 1934, he assumed the duties of president of the institution, having been elected president by a unanimous vote of his fellow directors. In a critical period in finance he proved himself an exceptional executive, a man of the highest integrity whose counsel was accepted by hundreds of those who dealt with his bank. He likewise was a trustee of the Rhinebeck Savings Bank and a director of the Farmers' Town Mutual



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Insurance Company. He was a popular figure in the Red Hook Exchange Club, a long-time member of the Dutchess County Farm Bureau, the Red Hook Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; secretary of the Orchard Valley Local Dairymen's League, and treasurer of the Red Hook Society for the Prevention and Apprehension of Horse Thieves, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in New York State. Since youth he had been a devout member of St. John's Reformed Church, serving as an elder and its treasurer, generous always in the support of religious and humanitarian works. The death of Mr. Budd, on July 28, 1935, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident, was sincerely mourned as the passing of an outstanding and beloved citizen of Red Hook.

Eugene P. Budd married Mina Potts, who died June 28, 1933. They were the parents of three children, two of whom survive: Eugene E., a record of whom follows this biography in this volume; and Mrs. Mary (Budd) Hardin, of Lima, New York.

EUGENE E. BUDD—Member of a family which has maintained continuous ownership of a farm in the Red Hook district for one hundred and ninety years, Eugene Budd is associated with the operation of this holding, for he is principal owner, with his sister, Mrs. Mary Hardin. Eugene E. Budd, who has added, to a native interest in agriculture, training received in special courses, is also an important factor in the farm effort. He likewise is a member of agricultural, social and fraternal organizations in this district.

Mr. Budd was born at Red Hook, March 30, 1912, son of Eugene P. (*q. v.*) and Mina (Potts) Budd. His father was engaged in farming on the family estate until his death July 28, 1935. He also served as director and president of the First National Bank of Red Hook for years. Mrs. Budd died June 28, 1933. Eugene E. Budd spent his boyhood in Red Hook, attending the public elementary and high schools, and receiving there a general education. He then turned to Cornell University, School of Agriculture, at Ithaca, New York, for special courses in the field of his professional interest.

After completing his studies, he returned to assume partial responsibility for the management of the Budd farm. Covering an area of two hundred and fifty acres, this farm has two hundred under cultivation. A dairy herd is maintained on the farm, and is of fair size, but the leading production is in fruit, which are the farm's specialties. Mr. Budd is a member of the Dairymen's League. Fraternally he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; was a senior deacon, a junior warden, and was elected senior warden for 1945. He is a member of the local organization of the Boy Scouts of America, being a past Scout Master. He has been a member of the Red Hook Society for the Prevention and Apprehension of Horse Thieves for the past nine years.

At Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1937, Eugene Budd married Edythe Cooper, daughter of John A. and Mabel (Wells) Cooper, and they are the parents of one son, Eugene, Jr., born August 5, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Budd are members of St. John's Reformed Church, at Red Hook, where Mr. Budd serves as an elder.

MARTIN CANTINE—The story of the making of paper is interesting whether one traces it back to the Egyptians and papyrus, or to Ts'ai Lun (145 B. C.), Chinese inventor of the process; the production of printing sheets in American Colonial times, or the development of special papers in modern times. Among the long procession of notables who have provided the present century with the material upon which to make the finest impressions, Martin Cantine, of Saugerties, Ulster County, New York, deserves a worthy place. Over a half century ago he had the vision, the courage and the enterprise to establish in this section an organization that has grown to immense proportions, The Martin Cantine Company. His purpose was to cater to the trade that sought a smooth, highly-finished paper capable of taking clear, clean impressions from the comparatively new photo-engraved plates. He created the outstanding industrial concern in the environs of the community and erected a long series of buildings that has housed its works. It is impossible to think of Saugerties without this immense plant.

Martin Cantine was a native of Saugerties, born January 22, 1866, son of Peter Cantine, and educated in its schools. He began making a livelihood at an early age with the old Sheffield Company, makers of blank books. Before he was eighteen years of age he was a star salesman of the products of this firm, and had become interested in the manufacture of book papers. Imbued with the idea that there was a future in the improvement of printing papers, particularly those which would take the recently perfected halftone plate, he studied, investigated and experimented until he arrived at the conclusion that what was needed was a better coated paper.

In Albany, Mr. Cantine acquired some experience in this type of paper and purchased the Adams Card Company of the capital city, the equipment of which he removed to Saugerties. At that time the surface was applied to paper sheets 17 x 28 inches, by hand, an unbelievably slow process. Convinced that the process could be speeded up and done mechanically he interested friends to subscribe a hundred thousand dollars worth of stock to build a plant that would embody his ideas. Possibly one of the major achievements of young Cantine was the selling of his idea and plans.

It is not necessary in a biography to enter into the details of the creation of a major industry. Sufficient to relate that Martin Cantine was not only an able exec-

utive, but a man who could win support for his enterprises and knew where to obtain the men he needed to work with him. He studied coated papers, engraving and printing and laid his plans cautiously, yet with boldness. He purchased equipment for his new mills on the rocky hillside above Esopus Creek, near Saugerties. He persuaded experts in the business to cast in their lots with him, and at the age of twenty-two years, he had his Cantine Coated Paper Mill No. 1 working. At first this plant served the lithograph field, but soon its highly finished paper was used for half-tone printing. So long ago as 1890 he was turning out two tons of coated paper daily, at that time an exceptionally large production.

A previous biographer has written:

Martin Cantine led everybody, organized everything—including production, sales, financing. Believing from the outset that the business is bossed best which is bossed least, and that coöperation is better than coercion, he surrounded himself with good men, assigned the tasks, and left them alone.

The "lucky thirteen" who began operations with the mill were organized thoroughly. Whether there were thirteen, as at the beginning, or four or five hundred, as later on, there was always complete discipline, and system. Responsibilities were delegated. Some shoulders could carry them. As is always the case, some could not. Every man was given a fair chance. There was no limit to the opportunities offered, if he could stand the gaff.

Mr. Cantine knew how to keep his body strong, active and efficient. He was a fiend for work. He had the receptive soul and the hungry mind. He went to school to every one he met. He was just as much interested in evolving a big, happy, efficient, growing force of workmen as he was in making coated paper.

In private and public life, Martin Cantine was not only president for years of The Martin Cantine Company, and The Tissue Paper Company, of Saugerties, but numbered among his directorates those with the Saugerties National Bank & Trust Company, the National Ulster County Bank, the Ross Engineering Company, the John Waldron Corporation, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and others. He had little time for politics and his election as mayor of Saugerties was a tribute to his interest in the progress and welfare of the municipality. Fraternally he was a thirty-second degree Mason, member of Cypress Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belonged to the Kingston Club, was a former president of the Rip Van Winkle Golf Club, and at one time or another was associated with many local organizations. He attended the Dutch Reformed Church.

Martin Cantine married Fanny Rudd, of Lakeville, New York, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Frances, married Theodore de Joey de Sable. 2. Holley R., (q. v.), who now is president of The Martin Cantine Company.

Martin Cantine had almost rounded out some seventy years of life at the time of his demise on March 17, 1935. He was undoubtedly the foremost man of his day and generation in Saugerties. Primarily he was a great in-

dustrialist who in increasing his personal fortune contributed largely to the wealth of the community in which his enterprise was located. At all times he placed the immense weight of his influence upon the side of worthy causes and the welfare of people, guided by an enlightened social conscience and high ideals. Upon the honor roll of the outstanding citizens and leaders of Southeastern New York, the name of Martin Cantine is inscribed high.

HOLLEY R. CANTINE—With the development of the noted The Martin Cantine Company, the major industry of Saugerties, Ulster County, Holley R. Cantine has been identified since his graduation from Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, thirty years ago. Despite the fact that he was the son of its founder, he learned the business from the bottom up, and had been connected with practically every department of this immense enterprise, prior to 1935, when he became president of the corporation. The years have proved him an executive of ability, an industrial leader capable of effective management of his corporation in time of crisis and World War.

Mr. Cantine was born on July 23, 1891, at Saugerties, New York, where his father also was born. His parents were Martin and Fanny (Rudd) Cantine, the former of whom, being the founder of this great Martin Cantine Company, has a record accompanying this biography. Holley R. Cantine attended the public schools of his birthplace; was prepared for college in Hotchkiss School, and matriculated at the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914, a Bachelor of Science. Becoming associated with his father in the Cantine Paper Mills of Saugerties, he learned paper coating in all its diversified features, and upon the death of his father, March 17, 1935, he was thoroughly well prepared to head the corporation. He is a well recognized authority of the production of special papers, and has gathered around him a group of exceptionally skilled and loyal associates.

Holley R. Cantine is president of The Martin Cantine Company, also of The Tissue Paper Company, of Saugerties, and is a director of the Ross Engineering Company, the John Waldron Corporation, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, the Kingston Trust Company and the Saugerties National Bank & Trust Company. During the First World War and the present global conflict, Mr. Cantine has been to the fore in the various drives for government loans and the raising of funds to support humanitarian organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons; his technical fraternity is Theta Xi, and among his clubs are the Kingston, the Yale Club of New York City, and other local clubs. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church.

Holley R. Cantine married Josephine Arosemena, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Holley R., Jr., a graduate of Columbia University; he married Dorothy Paul, and they have one child. 2. Robert L., a graduate

of Duke University, now in the United States Navy, with the rank of lieutenant. He married Susan Chaplin. 3. Martin, employed in New York City.

WILLIAM RAYMOND GILLIES—As an official of the Nyack Bank & Trust Company, and a civic-minded citizen of Nyack, William Raymond Gillies has contributed importantly to the development of this community and the welfare of its people. He was born here on March 7, 1897, son of Isaac E. and Emma L. (Lusk), Gillies, only his mother being still living.

After attending local public schools and being graduated from the Nyack High School, in 1915, he matriculated at Amherst College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1919. In the meanwhile he had embarked upon the great adventure of his generation as an enlisted man in the United States Navy Aviation Corps, serving throughout 1918.

Upon his return to civilian life and the completion of his college studies, William Raymond Gillies followed somewhat in the footsteps of his noteworthy father, and from 1919 to 1931 was a salesman in New York City, with the Wall Street firm of brokers and investment bankers, Halsey, Stuart & Company. His father, who died in 1921, was a native of Rockland County, who for some forty years was associated with the New York Life Insurance Company, and for fifteen years prior to his passing was comptroller of this large corporation.

In 1931, William Raymond Gillies went with McClure, Jones & Reed, at No. 115 Broadway, New York City, as manager of the firm's securities department. Resigning in 1933, he accepted the post of assistant cashier of the Nyack Bank & Trust Company. Since 1940 he has been vice-president of this strong institution. A banker of repute for executive abilities, and sound judgment, he has acted as the financial adviser of many Rockland County residents.

Without any regard for political office, Mr. Gillies is active in local life and affairs, coöperating heartily in the promotion of the best interests of the community. He knows how to enjoy life and is athletically inclined. While at Amherst College he played baseball on the varsity. His present favorite recreation is golf, which he plays as a member of the Rockland Country Club. He also is a member of the Psi Upsilon college fraternity, and of the Amherst Club of New York.

HERBERT SENGER—Long active in the furtherance of financial interests in this region of New York State, Herbert Senger is president of the National Bank of Orange County, in Goshen. The Goshen community has benefited to a remarkable degree from his endeavors in its behalf, and many local institutions and individuals consider themselves fortunate, indeed, in the fact that he is one of the very active citizens here.

Mr. Senger was born March 13, 1881, in Port Jervis, New York, son of Louis C. and Florence (Corwin) Senger. His parents are both deceased.

Public schools provided Herbert Senger's early formal education in Port Jervis, his birthplace. Turning his attention to banking, he has long been connected with the National Bank of Orange County, in Goshen, of which he was made cashier in 1924. In 1943 he became president of the bank, and he so continues today. His rôle in the development of this bank has been of sufficient importance that he has added notably to banking history in this region, and his career should be viewed against the background of the growth of the National Bank of Orange County itself. This bank was chartered in the winter of 1812 as "The President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Orange County," with a capital of \$44,000. Each share of stock had a \$10 par value. The first board of directors was made up of Richard Trimble, George Monell, John Barber, Abraham Schultz, James W. Wilkin, George D. Wickham, John Duer, David W. Westcott, John G. Hurtin, Moses Phillips, Jr., John Bradner, Alan-son Austin and Reuben Hopkins. George D. Wickham was chosen president and so served until his death in November, 1845.

The bank's first quarters were in the parlor of the house now identified as No. 242 Main Street, Goshen, but soon afterward new quarters were adopted in the house now occupied by Russell Murray. Banking space was in the south end of the house, and a vault was constructed directly beneath by walling off a part of the cellar. A trap door in the floor provided access to the vault. The office walls were lined with metal plates which still remain intact. Until 1843 most of the business in Goshen was done in Main Street, between the Court House and Johnson's Corner, mainly because communication to New York City was furnished by stagecoach to Newburgh and thence by water to the metropolis. As the Erie Railroad came to Goshen in 1842, the business center moved away from Main Street and toward the present railway station. Ten years later, in 1852, the Bank of Orange County purchased its present site, at No. 54 West Main Street, and entered the new business area.

Banking history also passed through many phases in the second half of the last century. Capitalization rose from \$44,000 to \$55,000 in 1845, when Ambrose S. Murray was elected president, being elevated from the cashier's post. The par value of the stock rose from \$10 to \$12.50. The board of directors then consisted of George D. Wickham, John W. Smith, Moses Phillips, Isaac Jennings, Hudson McFarlan, D. H. Moffatt, Jr., I. R. Van Duzer, Samuel Williams, Oliver Davis, James W. Wilkin, James Hulse, Isaac Van Duzer, and Richard Trimble. In 1865 the bank entered the national banking system, organized to help maintain the Federal Government's credit, which had suffered in Civil War days. The capitalization went up then to \$110,000. New names also

appeared on the board, which now consisted of Ambrose S. Murray, George M. Grier, Richard M. Vail, George F. Talman, Algernon S. Dodge, William H. Houston, George T. Wisner, William F. Sharpe, Charles B. Hoffman, John H. Morris, George Mapes and John Wallace. The new name was then adopted—The National Bank of Orange County of Goshen—which remains today.

Prior to the national banking system, the bank printed its notes upon fine yellow-tinted paper, so that the money turned out here came to be known far and wide as "Butter Money." Perhaps because of the very peculiarity of the color, attention was attracted to the Goshen institution, whose issue was accepted practically everywhere as the equivalent of gold in a period when lack of uniform banking laws caused many to reject State bank notes. At A. S. Murray's death, in 1885, his eldest son, George W. Murray, succeeded to the presidency, after having served from 1877 as vice-president. He had been a merchant in New York, and his broad experience enabled him to make the bank one of the strongest of its size in this part of the United States. In boom times after the Civil War large dividends had been paid on the bank's stock, but when George W. Murray became president the dividend rate was down to eight per cent. He managed to build up the rate to twenty per cent. during his lifetime. He was still president when, in 1907, the year of the panic, a run was started on another bank in Orange County. Realizing his responsibility, he announced publicly that he personally and the National Bank of Orange County would stand behind the threatened institution. The run stopped and confidence was restored.

At his death, in November, 1917, his nephew, F. W. Murray, Jr., of New York City, was elected president, and C. S. Edsall rose from cashier to vice-president, while C. S. Young went from assistant cashier to cashier. F. W. Murray, Jr., was then serving in the navy, and did not return home from sea to assume his duties until July, 1919. During his headship of the institution, further progress was made. Safe deposit boxes were installed in January, 1920. An interest department was opened on November 1, the same year. In February, 1921, an electric protection system was introduced.

Herbert Senger, who rose from the cashiership to the presidency in 1943, has been able further to contribute to financial well-being in his community and district. He is also a director of the Goshen National Bank and the Goshen Savings & Loan Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Port Jervis Lodge, No. 328, Neversink Chapter, No. 186, of Royal Arch Masons and Delaware Commandery, No. 44, of Knights Templar. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith.

As president of the National Bank of Orange County, Mr. Senger is assisted by an able personnel of bank officials and staff members. Charles S. Edsall is vice-president; George Luft, Jr., is cashier since Mr. Senger's

rise to the presidency in 1943; and Meta H. Yerg is assistant cashier, having so served since 1942. The directors are: I. Harold Houston, of Goshen; Joseph Merritt, of Goshen; F. W. Murray, Jr., of Tuxedo Park; Herman S. Murray, of Woodmere, Long Island, who is chairman of the board; Herbert Senger, of Goshen; Murray Taylor, of Cobalt, Connecticut; and W. J. Tuthill, of Goshen.

WILLIAM H. MATTHEWS—A broad background in social work has brought William Henry Matthews into a position of prominence, not only in New York City, and its environs, where much of his service has been centered, but in the whole realm of welfare and humanitarian effort. After personally pioneering in that new occupation of social service work, which is now undergoing a transition to a newer stage of development, he is able to render outstanding aid to others who are active along similar lines. His reflections upon his own experiences and the fruits of his personal observations and accomplishments are such as to be of great value to many who are active in widely varying branches of social work.

Mr. Matthews was born October 31, 1873, in Surrey, England, son of Samuel and Martha (Hooper) Matthews. In his own boyhood he realized the meaning of answering the mill whistle's call at six o'clock in the morning. He passed through the experiences of that period unembittered, however, despite long hours of work at a wage approximating four cents per hour. He also sang in a boys' choir in his native land, but was still very young when he came to the United States. Arriving on these shores with his family, he spent one night in New York, of which his memory's chief gleaning was of the lights of Brooklyn Bridge; then he left for the village of Mapleville, Rhode Island. In that village he attended school for three years in a one-room frame building, along with about thirty boys and girls of the community. His own family numbered eight children, five girls and three boys. Of these eight, he was the first to take full time employment as a wage-earner in the woolen mill that was the community's one industry.

There followed seven years in the woolen mills of New England—an experience which served to amplify his earlier English background. The shriek of the mill whistle at 5:30 in the morning, the third signal at 5:45, the rush through the gate and the mill office, the timekeeper who checked latenesses, the pay deductions at the end of the week for all tardy minutes: these became vivid memories in the life of the young mill worker. As harnessmaker, spinner and weaver, he went through the early stages of textile mill work, performing, like countless others, specialized tasks for which he was not especially fitted and for which he had no great affection. At the same time, through his school days, his subsequent period at Williston Seminary and Williams College, and all his years of hard work, he formed no



W. H. Maeshuis

Taken at Ward Manor, Located in Dutchess County

distinct yearning for any special type of vocation. School and college were now no longer for rich men's sons alone, for young men were beginning to work their way through their courses. Studies of the classics and experience of the older forms of learning were thus mingled with hard practical labor in a rapidly changing economic life. His own college finances were provided through a scholarship covering his tuition at Williams. He kept always well above the scholarship rating required to keep it. In Bar Harbor, Maine, he served for a time in a hotel wine and liquor store in that prohibition State, and remembered well the day when a Supreme Court judge came to the hotel for a rum punch, showing how he at least, for one, interpreted the Maine Prohibition Law according to "human needs."

Experience became, for him, in this way, the university in which he trained for social work. To be sure, after receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree at Williams College in 1898, he studied until 1901 at Union Theological Seminary, New York, taking work at Columbia University in the same period. But his major interest became centered in his strivings on behalf of human beings. From his boyhood years in England, through the time of his coming to America in 1882, and so onward, he found everything leading him toward the work about which his career was to be centered. One of his classmates at the university had a boys' club at Union Settlement, on New York's upper east side; and Mr. Matthews was asked to substitute one evening for his friend, who had to prepare for an examination. His friend described the scene that he was to expect as follows: "You'll find about fourteen boys, from twelve to fourteen, in a little basement room. Some will be boxing, some punching a bag and others shooting crokinole. It will be your job to keep order, see they don't start punching one another, and play with them if you get a chance."

That marked the beginning of Mr. Matthews' important boys' club work, of which he did a great deal over the ensuing ten years. As he wrote in his book, "Adventures in Giving," published years later, in 1939, by Dodd, Mead & Company, New York, "I haven't forgotten any one of the twelve boys I met that night. Four of them I have seen during the past year. One, a big strapping policeman, comes sometimes to my house. Another, a successful salesman, was in my office only last week. He reminded me of a talk I gave the club during that first year." Talk meant little to Mr. Matthews, who remembered only the living scenes about which he talked. Every kind of human misery drove deep into his being, as, for instance, his visit to Blackwell's Island (later renamed Welfare Island) with his seminary class. In 1901 and 1902 Mr. Matthews was assistant pastor of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, as well as a social worker. From 1902 to 1910 he was head worker at Kingsley House Social Settlement, in Pittsburgh, there taking a leading rôle in club work for

young people, in anti-vice crusades, and in a variety of other social work. It was the condition of his son's health that eventually led to Mr. Matthews' leaving Kingsley House, where he had his last meeting with his boys' club on November 17, 1910.

From Pittsburgh he proceeded to the West and lived for a year on an Idaho ranch. Afterward he had twelve months as an investigator of labor conditions in the mills of the United States Steel Corporation, serving as secretary of a stockholders' committee from 1911 to 1913. He ate his meals in the saloons near the mills, because the food was better there and also because he wanted to meet the workers. Trying from time to time to interest other social workers in his endeavors, Mr. Matthews called on Young Men's Christian Association secretaries, who for the most part did not wish to touch on working conditions in the mills. As one told him, "We deal with a better class than the ordinary day laborer." Another said: "The matters of which you have been talking are outside our line of activity." Mr. Matthews wrote of this experience:

I left them, feeling they knew little, thought little, beyond their desks and counters. I visited the libraries. The men were not there. Twelve-hour days gave little chance for reading books. I talked with priests and ministers. There I sometimes found independence of thought and speech. I was told by some of them that it was useless to try to hold Sunday morning services, since the men were either at work or home in bed. I find in one notebook that I kept a comment I made, "The rigid Presbyterianism of Pittsburgh forbids National League and other baseball games on the Sabbath, but doesn't seem concerned over all-day Sunday toil in the steel mills." One other, again just as I wrote it one evening: "The smoke-grimed bust of Abraham Lincoln that I saw today in a niche in a Y. M. C. A. building looked more than usually sad. It seemed to me to be grieving over the slavery of those long, long hours before the furnaces."

Many social problems connected with mill life were treated in Mr. Matthews' investigations of that period. He encountered considerable opposition from others at the time of making his report, mainly from those who wished to spare the feelings of the corporation's leading officials. But Mr. Matthews contrived always to maintain his freedom and independence, and said after his year of study of conditions in the steel mills that "the man or group of men who should abolish the twelve-hour work-day in the steel industry would do more to promote family welfare in this country than all the family welfare organizations together had ever done or were likely to do." He also declared that "the men who together work out a just and equitable form of collective bargaining between management and labor will . . . add immeasurable content to the welfare of the nation." Mr. Matthews also predicted the strikes that were to come, for he was able to read the signs of the times.

Although invited by Darius Miller to accept a similar position in the railway industry, Mr. Matthews went next

to New York and began a quarter of a century of service with the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. Conferences with John Kingsbury, C. N. Bliss and Charles C. Burlingham resulted in Mr. Matthews' appointment as director of the association's family welfare department. Then came his introduction to "family case work" and the "mysteries of card files," to alphabetizing under such catchwords as "Inebriates," "Desertion," etc. His earliest assignment was concerned with widows' relief, and out of several months of careful study of records and of personal observation Mr. Matthews came to the conclusion that food, clothing and shelter were for all alike, and must be essential preliminaries to a "humanized life." He found it necessary to battle against every kind of narrowness of view, among social workers who were well acquainted with conditions, as well as others. But his "reports" were beginning to have their effects. And his report asking for \$20,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the aid of "fatherless families" brought a response to the extent of \$200,000, covering ten years of work.

It must have been an Herculean labor on the part Mr. Matthews to struggle forward toward those goals of social living that the human race has not yet attained—a struggle that found well-nigh complete opposition in those earlier years of the century. As he told of one psychiatric worker's comment after she had been refused an addition of \$2 per week for relief for a family,—

Then the psychiatric worker made the comment, "I grow so weary of social workers who are so intent on searching for some underlying cause back of the immediate need that they can't see the plain thing waiting to be done which, if done, would often make unnecessary any searching for a fundamental cause of the immediate trouble." I have often felt the same weariness.

Mr. Matthews also became active in the early work relief efforts, with the aid of Harry Hopkins, then an employee in his department. The city had received a gift of unimproved land from a private donor, but was unable to turn over funds for its improvement. Hermann Merkel, who later was to develop much of the Westchester County park system, was then in charge of Bronx Zoölogical Park, to which the addition was to be made. Mr. Matthews offered him workers whose wages were to be paid by his organization, while Mr. Merkel was to supervise their work. So began, in 1915, a pattern for public work relief in connection with public works. After 1930 the plan was destined to grow rapidly. Through that 1915 period Mr. Matthews personally "knocked about" the breadlines and kept in touch with the personal side of the social problem. In fact, he has always, in his case descriptions and reports, stressed the personal side of each individual whom he sought to help. It was after a day spent mostly with Harry Hopkins, in 1915, interviewing out-of-work men, that Mr. Matthews wrote "All Day They Come," a poem which appeared

in the New York "Times" and was reprinted widely. Its concluding lines give the theme:

What shall we say, what shall our answer be
To men who ask just for a chance to work?

At that same period, in 1915, New York was building subways. Mr. Matthews was brought close to the bad working conditions under which the builders struggled—conditions that later were admittedly improved, but then crushed many a family. Of the improvement, which came years later, Mr. Matthews has written in his book: "The workmen's accident compensation laws have helped much. The organization of unskilled labor has helped even more. And, someone says, the cost of subway building has gone up. It has, without a doubt. I have no doubt also that from the annual appropriations made by New York City in this year 1938 for its Hospital and Welfare Departments, taxpayers are still paying for the sweat and blood wrung from the unskilled laborers by whose low paid toil 'the greatest railroad system in the world' had its beginnings in 1915. Somewhere along the way such debts have to be paid." The same human and personal attitude was present in Mr. Matthews' careful observation of the families who were receiving monthly allowances from the Rockefeller Foundation's grant to the Association for Improvement of the Condition of the Poor. "I came to know intimately these families. I visited them in their homes and often joined them at their supper tables. This all added to my belief that the average human being is possessed both of the desire and the ability to manage his own life if given opportunity to do so." He further aided, through the same association, in the establishment of some of the early boys' and girls' camps. He had to do, too, with the beginnings of a program for old age. He started also, on a property given by W. P. Day, of Germantown, Columbia County, New York, a retreat for old people. Mr. Day's mother had for years been stricken, and had said one time as Mr. Day wheeled her to the porch, "There must be many old people who have no one to care for them as you care for me." Immediately after her death he wrote to Mr. Matthews and offered his house and six acres to such uses. Mr. Matthews saw him immediately. And so "Sunset Lodge" began.

Afterward other projects with which he was connected included Harry Lee's New York home for drunkards and inebriates—a project that was of a highly individualistic nature, so much so that Mr. Matthews had to take over the personal responsibility for protection of Mr. Lee from the "case working" officials who were in charge of these activities. Extremely sensitive always to the feelings of human beings, Mr. Matthews revealed this quality even in his appeals for funds, and would never make an appeal that he considered an "insult to the poor." He deplored the type of picture, for instance, that portrayed a fine looking boy, aged ten, with two figures behind him, one

a successful looking business man, the other "as evil looking a crook as an artist can draw," and under the whole a caption: "Which shall it be?" This he characterized as "an inexcusable insult to the poor," and doubted that it brought returns from intelligent people.

He arranged and attended Christmas parties for children. The depression of 1921-25 offered further opportunities for work relief under Mr. Matthews' leadership. Then, with the aid of William B. Ward, who purchased an estate in Dutchess County, he was able to start, by 1926, the famous "Grey Stone Manor House" for elderly people, a new and larger "Sunset Lodge." By 1929 he had developed an apartment house for old folks. He took an important rôle, too, in Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's appointment of a commission to study and report regarding the advisability of legislation granting assistance to the aged out of public funds. Public relief now began to replace the older forms of private relief, as a new age was coming to birth. The birth-throes are still present. The Emergency Work Bureau of 1930-34 saw Mr. Matthews again leading the battle to extend help, with as great sensitivity of feeling as possible, to the new army of unemployed, numbering among them many white-collar workers in addition to the former legions of manual laborers who had been the main sufferers in previous depressions. Mr. Matthews was director of this bureau through the more than three years of its existence, and in that time it spent approximately \$30,000,000 in work relief, all raised through private subscription. Mayor James J. Walker later named him to a commission whose duty it was to evolve a city-wide program of work relief, which now seemed a more and more impossible task for private bodies to handle. Then came Harry Hopkins' appointment by Governor Roosevelt as director of the New York State TERA—Temporary Emergency Relief Administration.

In the summer of 1931 Mr. Matthews was one of four men invited by Governor Roosevelt to Hyde Park to discuss State-financed work relief for the able-bodied unemployed who could not find jobs. He alone argued for straight cash relief rather than "relief in kind"—groceries, food, clothing and rent tickets,—but was at that time "as one crying in the wilderness." The general feeling at the conference was that any kind of system adopted must be hemmed around by restrictions so that people would turn to it only as a last resort. Mr. Matthews attacked this kind of thought and practice as reminiscent of the days of the Elizabethan poor laws. Nevertheless, he regarded the conference as "a harbinger of better days." The State Legislature, at Governor Roosevelt's request, took up and passed an act providing aid for the unemployed in September, 1931. The subsequent election of Mr. Roosevelt as President and the establishment of the WPA—Works Progress Administration—brought further difficulties: Too many men working on a single job, lack of coördination with the Department of Labor and its employment bureau, and a

general feeling on the part of those aided that they were merely accepting disguised relief money anyway.

A man who has so devoted himself to the service of human interests as has Mr. Matthews—one who has, indeed, done as much as any other man to evolve the changes that have been and are still being effected in society—must, of necessity, have interesting and valuable ideas as to the future. His view envisions an "effective partnership between government and business," with the sending of men back to the payrolls of regular industry. Too often Mr. Matthews heard the same old story: "If only I could find a regular job and bid this WPA business goodbye!" Even worse than the loss of self-respect suffered by so many who entered the WPA lists was the entry of more and more incompetent people into welfare work, in investigative work and at application desks, because of the comparative security that it offered. Many of these workers, he said, were "no better qualified to do that than are the people who are at the mercy of their judgments." It might be well to conclude Mr. Matthews' life-story with a few quotations from his own writings: "This *laissez faire* method of conducting business was preparing a soil on which the New Deal was to seed and sprout. . . . I sometimes think that America . . . might have outdistanced the countries of the old world if her industrial leaders had sought and found a way of distributing throughout the years the whole product of the nation's business on a real profit sharing basis, which would have reached down to the last man in the production line. . . . Henry Ford. . . . could have been the great man of his industrial era had he seen fit to make some such program a definite part of his automobile making business. . . . Again I have wondered at times why some of the sons of America's rich men have not chosen to go forth and take active part in the far flung industries in which the fortunes of their fathers and grandfathers were acquired and, under a new order, devote themselves to changing the status of employees from that of hirelings to that of actual partners. . . . Is it too late for experiment in such a field? I think not, if those who sit in high places in industry would give of their intelligence and energy to the possible profit to be made in such a venture."

William Henry Matthews married, in June, 1902, Helen Johnston Moore. They became the parents of two children, William Henry and Donald Bruce Matthews. The Matthews residence is at No. 27 St. Andrews Place, Yonkers; and Mr. Matthews has offices at No. 105 East Twenty-second Street, New York City.

LEDERLE LABORATORIES, Inc., Dr. Charles H. Higgins—In its field the Lederle Laboratories, Inc., of Pearl River, Rockland County, is outstanding and renders exceptionally valuable services to man and beast in these times of global war. Few members of its immense organization can name all of the almost

countless materials it is making at any given time. In general the Lederle products may be divided into three groups:

Pharmaceuticals—medicinal drugs and other medical preparations—constitute over half of the Lederle output. Vitamins, aspirin, liver extracts and sulfa drugs are important members of this group.

Serums, vaccines, toxoids and diagnostic agents constitute the biological products made by Lederle. Because man gets diseases not only from germs, but also from poisons which germs secrete, two types of serums are made, antibacterials and antitoxins. Antibacterials kill or make ineffective the actions of certain disease-producing germs. Antitoxins combat such diseases as diphtheria, gangrene, streptococcal infections and others which are caused by bacteria-secreted poisons rather than by the bacteria themselves. Vaccines made by Lederle are of two kinds: true vaccines and killed-germ types. True vaccines, introduced into a scratch or similar skin opening, produce a mild infection of a given disease. This causes the blood of the person being vaccinated to build up an immunity against the disease. Among these diseases for which vaccines are employed are smallpox and typhus. Killed-germ types of vaccine are injected and act as the immunizing agent to combat such diseases as typhoid and cholera.

The third group of Lederle products are called allergenics and are used to give relief to persons allergic to various pollens, oils, nuts and foods.

Back of each product, there is a story of the work of many scientists, research and experiments, expenditures of large sums of money and hard-won progress. The most of this story is too technical and lengthy for inclusion in a layman's record, although dramatic incidents are commonplaces with the corporation. The United States surgeon general's office telephones Lederle Laboratories, "Some men are being sent into typhus country, and we don't have a large enough supply of typhus vaccine. How much can you send us by air today?" At that time Lederle Laboratories, Inc., was the only commercial manufacturer of typhus vaccine in America. It sent all its stock at once to Washington, speeded up the making of more, and no man in our military forces need fear the dread disease. "So far as is known, typhus has not developed among the vaccinated American Armed Forces." Thus was an answer to Pearl Harbor made by Pearl River, New York. The laboratories also furnish adequate amounts of protective and health producing materials to the camps of the army all over the globe.

This splendid life-saving enterprise is a monument to the vision and courage of Ernst J. Lederle, Doctor of Philosophy in chemistry, who before the turn of the century opened a testing laboratory in New York City. His chemical studies of water aroused wide attention and his services proved of such value to the metropolis that he was made in 1902, health commissioner of New York, although only thirty-seven years of age at the time. In 1903 he founded the Lederle Laboratory to manu-

facture diphtheria antitoxin. He introduced cultures to ferment milk and make it easily digestible; was the first to market acidophilus milk; and introduced some new sera and vaccines. The business grew so large that in 1910, he removed his plant to Pearl River, New York, where the Lederle smallpox vaccines and tetanus antitoxins became famous. During the First World War, these laboratories were the only American source of gangrene antitoxins. By 1919 Lederle had its own sales force. In 1930, the business was purchased by the American Cyanamid Company of America.

In recent years the Lederle Laboratories have made the front page of the newspapers and medical journals through its development of sulfa drugs, particularly sulfadiazine—ranking by the United States Army authorities as "the drug of choice" for pneumonia and numerous other diseases. It probably is true that seldom a year passes that no new contribution is made to the field of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and similar products and allergenics. The Lederle plant at Pearl River comprises some 382 acres of land, 104 buildings and about two thousand four hundred people are employed. This is an advance from 1936 to 1943 from forty-three buildings and 450 employees. The last two buildings added to the group furnish more floor space than all the other buildings in the group combined. The Lederle Laboratories, Inc., was authorized by the government to manufacture and produce penicillin (*penicillin notatum*). It began to operate in 1943, and at present has an entire building devoted to its production.

Dr. Charles H. Higgins, a business executive of Lederle Laboratories, and one of the best informed men concerning the annals of the firm, is the author of numerous articles concerning the history of the company, especially about one of the most interesting and important phases of its activities in the veterinary field. Dr. Higgins, a native of Newtonville, Massachusetts, has been identified with the Lederle enterprise for well past a quarter of a century, serving in varied capacities and in various cities. He has been at Pearl River since 1940.

In a magazine of October, 1943, Dr. Higgins wrote:

Early in the history of the Lederle Laboratories a few products were prepared for use in the Veterinary field. These comprised bacterial Vaccines, Serums and diagnostic agents. They closely paralleled the products employed in Humane Medicine and the same care was exercised in their preparation as prevailed from the inception of the organization and the marketing of the first refined and concentrated Diphtheria Antitoxin.

This brief resume is designed to give something of the development of the Lederle Laboratories in the Veterinary field and the pioneer efforts through which they now occupy a very important place in this economic picture. In fact, there are many phases of our efforts that occupy an outstanding place in Veterinary medicine as well as in the protection of the economic phases of our great Livestock industry.

The brief résumé that followed in his article, is a masterpiece of condensation, yet consists of several thousand words and therefore cannot be reprinted here. Quoting the last paragraphs of Dr. Higgins' story must suffice:

Many are the drug items now offered. Gradually it is contemplated that Lederle will be an active factor in the supplying Veterinarians with a more complete line of pharmaceuticals. With the great interest in the Sulfonamid group Lederle, being in the forefront of this development, promptly made the several preparations available for Veterinarians.

Due to war-time shortages there was a very acute gap in the availability of Calcium Phosphate which is an important requisite of stock feed. Within a few weeks Lederle coöperated with the Fertilizer Division of American Cyanamid Company in supplying this deficiency during 1943.

Another emergency arose through the lack of riboflavin. This resulted from the shipping of the milk products out of the country. Lederle stepped into this breach and developed a fermentation method for the production of riboflavin. Through these means very much-needed vitamins and chemical agents are being provided for addition to animal feeds.

Thus it is seen from the foregoing that Lederle has occupied a very active part in the development and production of Biological and Pharmaceutical products for the safeguarding of the Livestock interests of the country.

FREDERICK STEPHAN, Jr.—Throughout the period of its existence Frederick Stephan, Jr., has had charge of the legal interests of the Home-Seekers Co-operative Savings & Loan Association of Kingston, and is a prominent attorney with a background of forty-five years' experience in the practice of law. He was born in Rondout, May 20, 1859, a son of Frederick Stephan, Sr., an Alsatian, who was born May 23, 1817. The father was reared in his native province and there served an apprenticeship in a bakery, also becoming familiar with the work of a miller. When a young man of twenty he sailed for America and was forty-two days in making the trip across the Atlantic. On the 11th of May, 1837, he arrived in New York and five days later took passage on a Hudson River boat, which bore him to Kingston Point. The boat for Rondout was late and he, with others who journeyed there on foot, had to walk through water that was waist deep in the low places. When he reached Rondout he had only a dollar but at once secured a situation with George Briedenbecker, a baker, for whom he worked for a year, and was paid nine dollars per month. Afterward he followed his trade in New York City for a time and with his return to Rondout, he became a baker for Captain C. Storms, continuing in his service for three and a half years and receiving a salary of fourteen dollars per month. After the death of the wife of his employer Mr. Stephan became the proprietor of the Storms Bakery, which he conducted successfully until 1850, when he sold out, and in association with John Derrenbacher engaged in the flour and feed business. His operations in

that field covered a period of seventeen years and in 1867 he purchased the South Rondout Brewery, which was conducted under the firm name of F. Stephan & Company, continuing as its owner for ten years. At the end of that time he reëntered the flour and feed business and admitted his son, Maurice A. Stephan, to a partnership. An enterprising, farsighted business man, the father prospered in all of his ventures and stood high in commercial circles of Kingston.

On the second of October, 1841, Frederick Stephan, Sr., was married to Magdalena Von Beck, who traced her ancestry back to the sixteenth century. She was a daughter of Major George F. and Mary (Kuntz) Von Beck, who settled in Ulster County, in 1833. At the beginning of the Civil War, Major Von Beck organized the Rondout Ragoons and outfitted and drilled this company, which was in active service until the close of the conflict. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephan: George F., now deceased; Theresa, now deceased, who was Mrs. John Weber, of Stoneham, Massachusetts; Mary, who married Jacob Derrenbacher, president of the Rondout Savings Bank, both of whom are now deceased; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Morris Kopf, of Boston, Massachusetts, who has also departed this life; Charles E., deceased; Antoinette, the widow of Archibald Winter, whose demise occurred in 1930; Magdalena, who is Mrs. Ambrose Barber, of Riverside, California; Frederick, Jr., of this review; Maurice A., who is the proprietor of a store in Little Britain, Orange County, New York, and is serving as postmaster of the town; and John, who died at the age of three and a half years.

Mr. Stephan, Sr., gave his political support to the Republican party and in 1865 was elected to the State Legislature, occupying a seat in the House for one term. For three years he was a trustee of Rondout and in many ways he furthered the advancement of the village, which had a population of nine hundred when he located there. Its progress along educational lines was to him a matter of vital concern and for eighteen years he was one of the trustees of the old Ulster Academy, later serving on the building committee when the new academy was under construction. In 1845 he became a Mason, remaining a member of that fraternity during the balance of his life, and he was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for many years. He was long a member of the board of trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belonged, and for a number of years she was president of the Ladies Aid Society. Her life was brought to a close April 22, 1895, when she was seventy-four years of age, and her husband passed away September 21, 1897.

Their son, Frederick Stephan, Jr., obtained his preliminary instruction in the public schools of Rondout and Ulster Academy and gained his first knowledge of legal principles while working in the office of Lawton and Stebbins, prominent attorneys of Kingston. Later he

went to Boston, where he was employed as a bookkeeper for four years, and the money thus earned enabled him to meet the expense of a law course in Union University at Albany, where he won the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1885. He was admitted to the bar and in May, 1886, entered upon the general practice of law at Rondout. He soon gave proof of his ability as an advocate and counselor and with the passing years his well developed powers and broad experience have won for him a large and remunerative clientele. His name is also well known in business and financial circles, for he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Rondout Savings Bank for several years, and from the time of its inception has been attorney for the Home-Seekers Coöperative Savings & Loan Association. He is one of the charter members of the association, which was incorporated July 5, 1889, and reincorporated July 21, 1891. There were originally ten thousand shares of stock, held by eighteen stockholders. This is a Kingston corporation and makes loans in Ulster and adjoining counties, operating within a radius of one hundred miles. The association has assets of more than \$2,200,000 and is one of the largest and strongest organizations of the kind in this part of the State.

In 1895 Mr. Stephan was appointed counsel for the board of supervisors and in the same year he was elected justice of the peace on the Republican ticket. He was a member of the board of supervisors for four years, district attorney for Ulster County for three years, and was a first judge of Kingston city court, serving for six years or two terms, creditably filling these offices. He belongs to the Kingston Club and in Masonry he has connection with Rondout Lodge, No. 343, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Master in 1892; Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 75, Royal Arch Masons; Rondout Commandery, No. 52, Knights Templar, and Cyprus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Albany. In religious faith Judge Stephan is a Lutheran and has been a trustee of the Church of the Redeemer at Rondout for a quarter of a century. He is a highly esteemed member of the Ulster County Bar Association and whatever he does is for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his profession.

On the twenty-second of February, 1888, Mr. Stephan was married to Alice Vignes, a daughter of John and Ann Amelia Vignes, and a member of one of the oldest families of Ulster County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vignes have passed away. Their family numbered seven children: Mary, deceased; Emma; Augustus, who has departed this life; Lottie, also deceased, who was the wife of Hezekiah Sherwood and the mother of two children, John and Charlotte; Minnie, the widow of B. Franklin Stevens; Fred, who died in 1930; and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan have a daughter, Helen, who is the wife of John B. Sterley. In June, 1918, he was graduated from the law school of Union University at Albany, New York, and

is now practicing in Kingston. He is a director of the Co-operative Home-Seekers Savings & Loan Association and is serving on the Ulster County election board.

J. SHERWOOD SMITH—For three decades J. Sherwood Smith, of New York City and West Nyack, Rockland County, has been identified with the advertising profession. Beginning as a young graduate from Cornell University, he gained an exceptionally broad experience, notably with national magazines of wide circulation, eventually joining the firm of Calkins & Holden, of New York City, as an official. Since 1938 he has been president of this important concern in the field of advertising.

J. Sherwood Smith was born in Elmira, New York, on June 2, 1892, son of Milton Y. and Mary (Sherwood) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania, who moved to Elmira, where the father was a banker, now retired, for many years vice-president of the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Elmira, New York. The son was prepared for college in the Elmira Free Academy, and matriculated at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from which he was graduated a Bachelor of Arts, class of 1914. He immediately secured employment with the Home Pattern Company, and spent something more than a year as its sales correspondent in New York City. From 1915 to 1927, J. Sherwood Smith was associated with "Harper's Bazaar" in varied capacities, but mainly as salesman and advertising manager. In 1927 he went with the firm of Calkins & Holden, advertising agents of New York City, as vice-president. As already indicated, he has been president of this firm since 1938.

Like many men of his generation, he saw military service during World War I, and as a second lieutenant of the 3d Field Artillery, United States Army, spent nine months overseas, receiving his honorable discharge in March, 1919. Active in community life and affairs, of West Nyack, Mr. Smith is a former trustee of the Naurausaun School District No. 7, of Orangetown, Rockland County. His favorite club is the Cornell of New York City.

At West Nyack, New York, December 14, 1917, J. Sherwood Smith married Agnes Sickels, born at Astoria, Long Island, daughter of Dr. Walter Sickels and the former Agnes Wilson. Mrs. Smith, prominent in social and humanitarian affairs, is especially interested in gardening as a member of the Garden Club of Nyack, and the Sun Dial Garden Club of Nanuet. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children: 1. Walter Sherwood, born March 13, 1919, at Nyack; a graduate of Nyack High School. After two years at Cornell University he entered Springfield (Massachusetts) College. Following graduation from Springfield College in May, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves,



Harold Smith



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and is now serving as an executive officer in the amphibian fleet in the Pacific area; he married, May 1, 1942, Agnes Pullman, of Sparkill, Rockland County, and they have a daughter, Dymetria Sickels, born November 22, 1943. 2. Milton Sickels, born at Nyack, December 18, 1920; a graduate of Nyack High School, and the Casey Jones Aeronautical School, at Newark, now with the Wright Aeronautical Company of Paterson, New Jersey, as airplane engine tester; he married, April 11, 1942, Dorothy Van Doorn, of Nyack, and they have a son, George Sherwood, born May 2, 1944, at Nyack. 3. Galen Burritt, born at Nyack, January 25, 1928, attending Nyack High School.

PETER CANTLINE—A native of Newburgh, Peter Cantline qualified for the practice of law here by studying in the office of former Supreme Court Justice Albert H. F. Seeger, and was admitted to the bar in 1904. During the past four decades, he has tended to specialize in the field of real estate law and surrogate's court practice. Thoroughly identified with the various facets of community life here, Mr. Cantline has participated in the direction of local financial institutions, has served as recorder of the city of Newburgh, and on boards and commissions here, and has been noted for his activity as a member of the staff of the State Charities Aid Association and of other welfare groups. Well known in this district, he is a member not only of the professional associations of the bar, but also of numerous civic, social and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Cantline was born at Newburgh on November 8, 1882, son of John and Sarah (Smyth) Cantline. His father was a garage owner in the city of Newburgh until his death. Peter grew up at Newburgh and attended the public schools here. He prepared for his professional responsibilities by reading law in the office of Albert H. F. Seeger, former Supreme Court justice, at Newburgh. Having completed all requisite qualifications, Mr. Cantline was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in May of 1904.

He then began at Newburgh a private general practice of law, which during the intervening years has become concentrated on real estate law. In addition to maintaining his legal practice here, Mr. Cantline has served as recorder of the city of Newburgh for a period of eight years, and has served as a member of the board of education for four years. He has held the rank of captain in the New York State National Guard for a period of nine years, and was, during the World War, a major in this organization.

His social service work has included that with the New York State Public Health and Tuberculosis Committee of the State Charities Aid Association, of which he is chairman. He is chairman of the Newburgh City War Council, and director of Civilian Protection; he

serves as a member of the executive committee of the local branch of the American Red Cross; he is a member of the board of trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, of the A. F. Holden Memorial Home for Women, and of the Associated Charities Board.

Business connections have been maintained by Mr. Cantline both in Poughkeepsie and Newburgh; he is a director of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, which has its headquarters in the former city, and is a director of the Columbus Trust Company at Newburgh. In addition, he is president of the Building & Loan Association of Newburgh, New York. His professional affiliations include membership in the Newburgh City Bar Association, of which he has been president, secretary and treasurer; the Orange County Bar Association, of which he has been president and treasurer; the New York City Bar Association; and the New York State Bar Association. Affiliated with the Young Men's Christian Association he is chairman of the State executive committee of the organization, and is a member of its international board. He is a member of the Newburgh City Club; Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Master in 1909; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On May 27, 1914, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Peter Cantline married Edith Bryson Whitehill, daughter of Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Evans) Whitehill, her father treasurer of the Whitehill Ice Machinery Company, at Newburgh, at the time of his death.

They are the parents of two children: 1. Peter, Jr., born May 25, 1915. He graduated from Cornell University in 1937, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is now employed by the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company. He married Elizabeth Owen, and they are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth O. 2. Mary Whitehill, born July 8, 1922. She married Dr. Richard E. Passenger, and they have one daughter, Edith Whitehill. Mrs. Passenger is very active in local activities, as a member of the motor corps of the American Red Cross, and of the Girl Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantline are communicants of the St. George's Episcopal Church, at Newburgh, in which Mr. Cantline is a member of the vestry; he serves also as a member of the finance committee of the New York Diocese of the Episcopal Church. They are active together in the civic and social enterprises of their home community.

HAROLD L. JACKSON—For a number of years Harold Louis Jackson has been active in banking affairs in Goshen and Orange County. He is now cashier and executive officer in charge of operations of the Goshen National Bank, as well as a leader in many other financial, business and civic organizations.

Mr. Jackson was born July 18, 1899, in Goshen, New York, son of Charles T. and Emma Frances (Lewis) Jackson. The Jackson family have been identified with the post office department for more than eighty years, representing three generations. Father, Charles T. Jackson, was postmaster of Goshen and for many years was an accredited leader in local affairs. He is now deceased.

Public schools of Goshen furnished Harold L. Jackson's early formal education through the high school grades, and he later studied at the American Institute of Banking. From 1917 he was active in banking circles, becoming in that year a bookkeeper with the National Bank of Orange County, in Goshen, and so continuing until 1928. In that year he was appointed assistant cashier. In 1929 Mr. Jackson left this bank to become director, cashier and executive officer in charge of operations at the Goshen National Bank, where he continues down to the time of writing. In addition, he is secretary and a director of the Montgomery & Erie Railroad and assistant treasurer and a director of the Goshen Coöperative Savings & Loan Association. He served in 1942 as president of the Orange County Bankers' Association and has been a member of the executive committee since 1939.

For many years, too, Mr. Jackson has been deeply interested in community affairs, quite aside from his banking and business connections. He is a Republican in partisan affiliation and a member of the Republican Club. He serves as treasurer of Central School District No. 1, and is active in other local civic enterprises. On November 17, 1942, Mr. Jackson entered the army, taking his basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, then being sent to the Wake Forest College of Finance, operated by the army, where he received his rating as a corporal. He was honorably discharged because of age on March 11, 1943. In his home community he is a lay reader in St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, where he is a past president of the men's club and served as clerk of the vestry from 1930 until November 17, 1942.

Harold L. Jackson married, May 15, 1943, in Newburgh, New York, Alice B. Payne, daughter of Lloyd and Sarah (Ferns) Payne. In leisure time he is fond of outdoor life, enjoying especially boating and cruising, as well as golf, tennis, swimming and travel.

LEWIS F. FELLOWS—Emerson once wrote: "Every great institution is the lengthened shadow of a single man." It was pointed out in recent years that the fine group of buildings one sees on driving across Esopus Creek into Saugerties, is the lengthened shadow of Martin Cantine, as is the town itself. This notable industrialist and principal founder of The Martin Cantine Paper Company, one of the largest of its kind in the Hudson Valley, was an exceptionally able executive who knew how to choose and hold potential executives to promote the growth of his great enterprise. One of the

men of his selection was Lewis F. Fellows, treasurer of the corporation, who has been identified with its operations for some thirty-seven years.

Mr. Fellows was born May 1, 1889, at Saugerties, New York, son of Enoch and Caroline S. (Fratsher) Fellows, both natives of Ulster County. His father was an iron worker.

At the age of sixteen, and almost out of school [says a previous biographer], Lewis F. Fellows appeared in the office of The Martin Cantine Company on the morning of February 26, 1906, at 7:45 A. M. He was welcomed by Mr. Cantine, senior, who explained the virtues of punctuality, promptness, politeness, pertinacity, perseverance and push, to say nothing of pep, pluck and personality.

Lew Fellows started in by brushing off the various desks, including that of Mr. Dederick, which was given special attention at the subtle suggestion of Mr. Cantine. Mr. Dederick had been sitting at that desk for eighteen years and yet it seemed strange, Lew thought, that so many papers could be accumulated upon one desk in so short a time.

He approached the task with trepidation but, being a methodical youngster, he succeeded in arranging the heaps of letters, records, copies, books and lists into orderly piles. What happened when the occupant came in is still fresh in Lew's memory. When Mr. Dederick had finished disarranging his papers so that he could "find something," the desk looked very much as it had always looked, and so long as Lew did the dusting he never disturbed the office manager's corner again.

But that wasn't very long. He found ways of making himself valuable—found things to do—and did them. When he came to work in the morning was a matter of conjecture, and when he left at night it was a sign that he could find nothing further to do. As a model of thrift and industry he left nothing to be desired. He studied everything, pumped everybody, listened. He watched everything but the clock, avoided everything but work. The inevitable happened. When Mr. Dederick retired, Lew naturally gravitated into the office manager's chair. The first thing he did was to put the desk in order, and it has been in order ever since. When you call up the Cantine Mills it will probably be Lew Fellows who will attend to your wants. His answers to your questions will be so concise and courteous, and so helpful withal, that you will feel he is your friend from that day on. He looks you in the eye when he talks with you, and the longer you know him the better you will like him.

Mr. Fellows was office manager until 1935, since when he has held the executive post of treasurer. He likewise is a trustee of the Saugerties Savings Bank. In private and civic life he was prominent in World War I, in connection with the drives for Liberty Loans and humanitarian agencies, such as the Red Cross and others. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of several Saugerties organizations, and attends the Methodist Church, which he serves as president of the board of trustees.

In 1910, Lewis F. Fellows married Martha A. Porter of Ulster County, New York, and they are the parents





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of three children: 1. John P., a graduate of Colgate University and Union Theological School; now a chaplain in the United States Army for the duration of World War II; he married Ethel Teschmacher. 2. Helen E., who married Edward A. Reynolds. 3. Janice C.

The Martin Cantine Paper Company was founded in 1888 by Peter Cantine and his sons, Martin and Judge Charles F. Cantine. The father soon left the enterprise, and the judge remained only long enough to protect his investment, so upon Martin Cantine was left the responsibility of keeping the company going, and to him goes the credit for its immense development and value to Saugerties. To it he gave his exceptionally noteworthy capabilities and devotion to his death on March 17, 1935. He practiced what he preached, and held the confidence of associates and employees so long as he lived. His son, Holley R. Cantine, became the worthy successor of the founder and has shown himself a most successful executive. In the management of the immense corporation, he is ably assisted by such officials as Lewis F. Fellows, Mr. Fonda and many old and loyal employees. The company is reputed to be the largest manufacturer of surface covered printing papers in New York State. About four hundred and fifty people are on the payroll, a significant rise, for the original number in 1888 was thirteen. Products are shipped all over the Nation, although mainly in the populous Middle West and Atlantic Coast states.

HAROLD H. SMITH—The election of Harold H. Smith as mayor of Middletown, Orange County, New York, in 1941, was one of those richly deserved recognitions of the abilities and devotion to the best interests of a municipality. By profession, technical education and occupation he essentially is a construction engineer of experience with important connections. In these war times he is amply fitted for, and deeply interested in, both public service and business activities.

Born in Middletown, New York, April 21, 1890, Mr. Smith is the son of Charles H. and Minnie (Hollands) Smith. His academic and technical education was obtained in the public and high schools of Middletown, Blair Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, New York. In 1914 he became night superintendent of the barge canal, and during the following two years he was engaged in construction work. He then held various construction positions with the American Aluminum Company, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and the George A. Fuller Construction Company until 1921, when he established himself in the construction business at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Middletown, New York. He was the organizer and part owner of the B. M. Higginson Corporation for two years, and at the present writing is sole owner of Harold H. Smith, Inc., engaged in general construction work, builders of Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown, and Clemson

School of Nursing here, the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad Station here and approximately fifty miles of city paving and State highways. Mr. Smith is consulting engineer of the George F. Flynn Corporation, and director and consulting engineer of the Robert H. Parker Corporation.

A Republican in his political allegiance, he is active in his party's affairs, and in 1941 was elected mayor of Middletown. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He keeps in touch with colleagues and advances in his profession as a member of several engineering societies. He is a member of the Middletown Club, and attends the Second Presbyterian Church. Fond of the out-of-doors he enjoys fishing, hunting and camping.

In 1913, in Connecticut, Harold H. Smith married Bertha Davidson Earle, daughter of Isaac and Louise (Davidson) Earle, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mimi Louise, born December 24, 1924, married Selner Eustaves, now lieutenant in the United States Army. 2. Carol Marie, born in 1926.

CYRUS RUTHVEN JONES—One of the illuminating sidelights of developments in the American way of life can be found in incidents in the career of the late Cyrus R. Jones, of Nyack, Rockland County. Brought to this part of Southeastern New York, as a boy, he grew up thoroughly familiar with an old blacksmith shop in West Nyack. When he made the first important move in his career, it was to use this very site of an oldtime industry for the headquarters of a modern business in automobiles, eventually becoming outstanding in this field in Rockland County. In contrast to present-day commercial activities, and reverting to older interests, he and Mrs. Jones were prominent figures in the world of high bred and trained horses, the winners of many blue ribbons in horse shows.

Mr. Jones was a native of New York City, born there September 5, 1897, son of Cyrus Ruthven and Charlotte Louise (Raymond) Jones. The family removed to West Nyack, Rockland County, when their son was still a lad and he attended local and county schools. The beginning of the automobile was almost coincident with the date of the son's birth, and very early in life he became interested in this new means of transportation. He learned all he could about the motor car, and when he became of age initiated an automobile business on a small scale in West Nyack, on the site of the old Haerle blacksmith shop. His adventure proved eminently successful, and before his passing about two decades later, he was one of the foremost Rockland County dealers. For practically all of his association with the motor car business, he represented the Chevrolet Company, selling their motor cars and trucks, also operating in used automobiles. Relatively early, his average sales were three cars per

day, an exceptional record, which was increased when he opened a place in Nyack.

With the growth of his business, Mr. Jones added a Nyack branch and pioneered in the modern sales establishment in Rockland County. Quoting from a newspaper report concerning the new Nyack headquarters: "The Nyack building on Highland Avenue near High Avenue, opened with ceremony on August 24, 1929, was the first modern automobile showroom and the most up-to-date service department in Rockland County. The opening was featured by a parade through the Village, formal opening by Mayor Oscar R. Kosel, and entertainment by the Cliquot Club Eskimos and other talent from the National Broadcasting Company."

The very busy Mr. Jones had little time for organizational activities, but was a member of the Nyack Rotary Club, and was fraternally affiliated with Rockland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Rockland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Nyack.

At Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, on July 28, 1922, Cyrus Ruthven Jones married Norma Driscoll, born in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Daniel and Louise (Van Valen) Driscoll. Since the passing of her husband, Norma (Driscoll) Jones has directed the operations of the Jones Automobile Agency. A lover of horses, she is a widely known and admired horsewoman, especially skilled in the riding and handling of saddle horses, and is the possessor of many ribbons won at various shows.

The untimely death of Cyrus Ruthven Jones occurred in the Nyack Hospital, August 30, 1941, after an illness of some four months. There were none who knew him well that did not regret the passing of this young business man and progressive citizen. A man of sterling integrity and honor, blessed with dynamic abilities and a personality that won friends in all walks of life, his death was a great loss to the communities with which he had been identified, and his memory will long be cherished.

MELVIN B. JOHNSON—As managing director of the Fales Chemical Corporation, of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, Melvin B. Johnson holds an important place in the business life of this region of New York State. His company is engaged in the manufacture of chemical specialties, and distributes its products over a wide area throughout the United States.

Mr. Johnson was born November 16, 1911, at Mountville, Orange County, New York, son of Herman G. Johnson, of that county, and Charlotte E. (Wood) Johnson, of New York City.

Melvin B. Johnson attended public schools in his native county, then had supplementary courses in which he trained himself for his present professional endeavors. He had a broad practical experience in chemistry that

well qualified him for his present duties. It was in 1934 that Mr. Johnson came to the Fales Chemical Corporation, becoming managing director in 1939, succeeding Harry Allen. The Fales Chemical Corporation is an organization whose history dates back to 1918, when Dr. H. A. Fales founded it as a private enterprise to manufacture chemicals. On a visit to Cornwall-on-the-Hudson he found a suitable location whereon to build a plant for the manufacture of these products. In 1922 the business was incorporated under the same name, with Dr. Fales as president, Edmund Gibson as vice-president and Mrs. Fales as secretary-treasurer. Since coming to the company in 1934, Mr. Johnson has played an important rôle in the upbuilding of the enterprise and in the development of its manufacturing program.

The products of the Fales Chemical Corporation are now shipped to all parts of the United States and to several foreign lands. The firm has experienced a gradual and steady growth. Its factory is situated on the riverfront, which provides suitable wharfage. Mr. Johnson is active in civic, social and fraternal affairs, as well as in business activities, belonging to the Free and Accepted Masons and being prominent in the work of the Methodist Church in Cornwall.

Melvin B. Johnson married, in 1939, Emily M. Otto, of Union City, New Jersey, daughter of William A. and Elizabeth A. (Faulkner) Otto. Her father was connected with a well-known valve manufacturing company in Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES BENNETT SOUTHARD, Sr.—The memory of Judge James Bennett Southard, Sr., is cherished in Cold Spring and Putnam County, where the most of his life was lived. In tribute to his constructive activities for the benefit of the body politic, the following, almost verbatim, transcript is made from the "Proceedings of the County Court" of the county of Putnam, December 21, 1928. At the memorial services held upon that date, it was said, in part:

James Bennett Southard died at his residence in the Village of Cold Spring, New York, on November 17th, 1928. He was born at Nelsonville in the County of Putnam on August 15, 1874, the son of Jacob Griffin and Emmalinda (Smith) Southard; both his father and mother being of old and highly respected Putnam County families. He attended the Nelsonville School, and completed his preliminary education at Haldane High School, in Cold Spring, New York. He then entered the Law School of Columbia University from which he was graduated on June 12th, 1895, and was admitted to the bar of the State of New York on the 2d day of December, 1895. He engaged in the practice of law at Cold Spring and in 1897 was appointed district attorney of Putnam County by Governor Frank S. Black, and was elected to that office in 1898 for a term of three years. In 1901 Judge Southard was elected county judge and surrogate of Putnam County and reelected in 1907, 1913, 1919 and 1925, and at the time of his death was completing his 27th year in that office.

Since his admission to the bar Judge Southard was at all times closely identified with every activity of Putnam County. For many years, and at the time of his death, he was counsel to the board of supervisors, the Putnam County Planning Commission and the town board and the board of assessors of the towns of Philipstown and Kent, and was vice-president and a trustee of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. He was for many years a member of the Putnam County Republican Committee and attended as a delegate from Putnam County every Republican State Convention in recent years.

When the Children's Court was constituted in the State of New York, Judge Southard was appointed Judge of the Children's Court, and was distinguished for the kindly and considerate manner in which he disposed of all cases which came before him in this capacity. In 1917 Judge Southard gave unceasingly of his time as a member of the draft board for Putnam County, and at the close of World War I compiled a service Roll of Honor of all service men in Putnam County, which constitutes the only complete record of that historic conflict. He was counsel to the New military activities of the citizens of Putnam County in York State Commission to the Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, California. Prior to the adoption of the New York Surrogate's Court Act of the State of New York in 1914, Judge Southard was secretary of the committee of the Association of Surrogates of the State of New York, appointed to simplify and improve the procedure in relation to decedent's estates, and his labors were largely responsible for the reforms enacted in the procedure at that time.

In his judicial career Judge Southard was frequently designated by different Governors of the State to preside over terms of the County Courts of Kings, Queens, Richmond, Bronx and Dutchess counties.

Following his election to the office of County Judge and Surrogate in 1901, Judge Southard continued the practice of law at Cold Spring, and also maintained an office in New York City, where he was active in the organization of many large corporations including the Permanent Mortgage Corporation, the Business Securities Corporation, and the Granite National Bank, of which latter institution he was a director and general counsel at the time of his death.

In the conduct of his public duties he was tireless in his devotion to those who required his assistance, and refused his services to none. He exercised the functions of his high judicial office with patience, fairness, consideration and impartiality and a high sense of responsibility, and with uniform courtesy and unflinching sympathy. The high quality of his public service was reflected in the confidence and continued trust reposed in him by the electors of the County.

The committee of the bar therefore offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the members of the bar of Putnam County feel with deep sorrow the demise of Honorable James Bennett Southard, County Judge of this County, and express their sincere appreciation of his long and unselfish public service, their deep sympathy with his family and their conviction that his memory will live in the grateful recollection of his associates and of his fellow citizens; and be it further resolved, that a minute of these proceedings be embodied in the records of this Court and that the same be published and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Judge Southard worshipped in the Presbyterian faith and held membership in Philipstown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Brooklyn Club, of Brooklyn, New York, Sons of the Revolution, and the Society of the Washington Continental Guard.

James Bennett Southard married, August 5, 1903, at Waterville, New York, Kittie Alida Haight, daughter of Albert and M. Virginia (Green) Haight. Mrs. Southard died at Cold Spring, October 24, 1938. Judge and Mrs. Southard were the parents of a son, James Bennett, Jr., born May 28, 1904 (*q. v.*).

J(AMES) BENNETT SOUTHARD, Jr.—The career of J. Bennett Southard, Jr., attorney and business man of New York City and Cold Spring, Putnam County, has added new lustre to a name and tradition that is honored in Southeastern New York. After his formal and professional education, he entered upon a general practice of the law in the metropolis, and latterly became identified as an official of business and industrial companies, both in New York City and Putnam County. His private and public interests are exceptionally broad, whether in the fields of civic affairs, politics and education, or as a clubman and member of organizations of a widely varied character.

Mr. Southard was born at Waterville, New York, May 28, 1904, son of Judge James Bennett Southard and the former Kittie Alida Haight. His father, born at Nelsonville, Putnam County, August 15, 1874, died at Cold Spring in the same county, on November 17, 1928. He was the son of Jacob Griffin and Emmalinda (Smith) Southard, both members of long established Putnam County families, and descent has been traced to earliest Colonial times in America. A biography of Judge Southard accompanies this review.

J. Bennett Southard, Jr., was educated in the local elementary schools in Cold Spring, the Haldane High School, from which he was graduated in 1919; Mt. Pleasant Academy, Ossining, New York; Hamilton College, New York State; Columbia University, New York City, where he took his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1927, and the law school of New York University, where he was graduated a Bachelor of Laws, class of 1929. In October, 1930, he was admitted to the New York State bar, and since has engaged in a general practice of his profession in New York City and Cold Spring. He also is president of Southard & Covert, Inc., dealers in insurance of almost every form, and he is treasurer of the Cold Spring Manufacturing Corporation. He acts as counsel to the National Bank of Cold Spring-on-Hudson.

In local affairs, J. Bennett Southard was formerly the vice-president of the Cold Spring Board of Education; and is a member of the advisory board of the National Selective Service System, World War II. Influential in the councils and campaigns of the Republican party, he is a former treasurer of the Republican County

Committee of Putnam County. From college and university days dates his memberships in the Psi Upsilon college fraternity; Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity; Columbia University Club of New York City. He is a member of Southern Dutchess County Club, Beacon, New York; Lions Club of Cold Spring; Sons of the Revolution, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants, New York City. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Philipstown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On November 30, 1929, at Rutherford, New Jersey, J. Bennett Southard, Jr., married Adair Sohst, daughter of Rudolph Edward and Josephine (Roll) Sohst. Mr. and Mrs. Southard, Jr., are the parents of two children: 1. Barbara Adair, born June 7, 1931. 2. J. Bennett Southard, III, born November 25, 1942.

STANLEY D. BEARD—Since his graduation from one of the world's best technical schools, Stanley D. Beard, of Pearl River, Rockland County, and New York City, has been a biological chemist and executive. Practically from the year that the famous Lederle Laboratories were established in Southeastern New York, he has been identified with the noteworthy work, for thirty years as director of the laboratories and later as vice-president.

Born on a farm and always keenly interested in agriculture, particularly that phase of operations which is called the animal industry, he first saw the light of day on March 27, 1884, at Shelton, Connecticut, son of Oliver C. and Nancy Maria (Nichols) Beard, both members of long established New England families. One John Beard is of record as being at Milford, Connecticut, in 1642, where he had come with his two brothers, James and Jeremy. He was a son of the Widow Martha Beard, whose husband, James Beard, died on the voyage from England to the New World. She was one of the first settlers of Milford, Connecticut in 1639. The name Nichols is found in the English "Hundred Rolls" as early as 1275. Quite a number of the Nichols clan settled in New England in the sixteen hundreds.

Stanley D. Beard was educated in a district school at Long Hill, Connecticut, the Shelton High School, where he was graduated with the class of 1903, and the Yale University Sheffield Scientific School, where he received his degree in 1907. He immediately entered the employ of what was then the Lederle Antitoxin Laboratories, situated at No. 19 West 42d Street, New York City. Later the laboratories were moved to No. 449 East 57th Street in the metropolis, but really began the work for which they have become famous, when the plant was removed to Pearl River, Rockland County. This part of the vast enterprise, which employs some two thousand people, dates actually from 1906 when a small farm was purchased in the Pearl River section, and a few horses and cattle installed for the production of anti-

toxins and vaccines. Summaries of the history of Lederle laboratories have been mentioned in this volume, and need no repetition here.

As stated, Mr. Beard is vice-president of Lederle Laboratories, Inc., elected in 1940, with present offices at No. 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. He long has been prominent in Pearl River civic affairs, and is a director of the National Bank & Trust Company of that community, and the Park Savings & Loan Association of Pearl River. He is secretary of the Pearl River Board of Fire Commissioners and fraternally is affiliated with the Pearl River Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. Following a custom of long duration, Stanley D. Beard has kept in close touch with colleagues in his profession and the progress made, by memberships in the American Chemical Society, American Society of Bacteriologists, American Association for the Advancement of Science, New York Chemists Club, American Public Health Association, the New York Academy of Science, the New York Botanical Society, and is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. Golf and fishing are his main sports.

Stanley D. Beard married Myra Blakeman Palmer, daughter of Judge Stephen T. Palmer and his wife Hattie (Blakeman) Palmer, natives of Shelton, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Beard are the parents of three children: 1. Nancy Nichols, born December 16, 1917, at Nanuet, New York; she is a graduate from the public and high schools of Pearl River, Dwight School, at Englewood, and attended college at New Haven, Connecticut. She married, December 31, 1940, Frederick B. Forbes, of Holland, Virginia, and is the mother of a son, Stanley Owen. 2. Stephen Palmer, born June 20, 1919, at Nanuet, New York; a graduate of the public schools of Pearl River, Hackley School, at Tarrytown, New York; and Yale University, class of 1943, with the degree Bachelor in Engineering. For a year he was associated with Lockheed Air Corps; is now serving in the United States Navy. 3. Ruth Blakeman, born at Pearl River, April 1, 1922, a graduate of Pearl River schools, Miss Beard's School, Orange, New Jersey, and attended Mt. Holyoke College (Massachusetts), and Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. On November 28, 1942, she married Captain Henry Marvin Taylor, of High Point, North Carolina. Captain Taylor is now serving overseas with an air transport company, United States Army Air Corps.

AUGUST HAEBERLIN—Engaged in the textile industry for practically all of his business career, August Haeberlin has, since coming to Beacon, been closely associated with the growth and development of that industry here. A native of Switzerland, he came to the United States as a young man, and became engaged by one of the large textile concerns in New Jersey. He came to Beacon in 1938, to become secretary and treasurer of the Braendly Dye Works Corporation; since



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1941, he has been president of this organization. Though a resident of Beacon for only a short time, Mr. Haeberlin has quickly been recognized here for his important contributions to the business community. He is interested in local civic affairs, but has not been active politically, since he is more interested in the general welfare of the city than in any specific partisan advantage.

Mr. Haeberlin was born in Switzerland on April 4, 1894, son of August and Anna (Hausen) Haeberlin. His father was also engaged in the dye business. August was educated in the schools of his native country, and received his degree in chemistry in a technical school in Switzerland before coming to the United States.

Here he settled in New Jersey, at the city of Paterson. Because of his knowledge in the dye and textile fields, he soon became manager of one of the largest concerns in the city. He continued to be employed in the industry there until 1938.

In that year, Mr. Haeberlin came to Beacon, becoming a member of the Braendly Dye Works Corporation, and accepting the positions of secretary and treasurer in this company. Following the death of Mr. Braendly, in 1941, Mr. Haeberlin was elected to the positions of president and general manager, which he continues to hold at the present time.

The original title of the company was the Matteawan Manufacturing Company. At the time of its origin, the Henderson family were the principal owners. In 1935, Oscar Braendly took over the business from them, continuing from that time until his death as the major executive.

The business consists of the manufacture of synthetic rayons and other fabrics. More than one hundred and seventy people make up the personnel of the firm, which operates in a plant allowing fifty thousand feet of floor space for its operations. Power is supplied from the stream upon which the plant is situated. The firm maintains a private railroad siding for the dispatch of its goods, which are distributed internationally. It gives attention to providing for its employees desirable modern facilities, and is an advocate of group insurance.

The present executives of the Braendly Dye Works Corporation are: President and general manager, August Haeberlin; secretary and treasurer, Frank McKinnes. One of the older concerns engaged in the textile industry at Beacon, the firm is an important contributor to business stability in the city.

Mr. Haeberlin is a member of local social and fraternal organizations. He is, with his family, a communicant of the Presbyterian Church here, and serves upon the board of trustees of that institution.

In 1924, August Haeberlin was married to Emma Bachofen, of Switzerland. They are active together in the social and civic affairs of the city, and are the parents of two children: Rita and Elizabeth.

J. EDGAR DAVIDSON—As vice-president of the Ramapo Ajax division of the American Brake Shoe Company, at Hillburn, J. Edgar Davidson occupies a position of leadership and high standing in industrial circles and is able to make a distinctive contribution to his community and district.

Mr. Davidson was born July 27, 1885, in Hillburn, Rockland County, New York, son of the late Robert Jackson and Catherine M. (Schurerman) Davidson and member of an old and honorable family. His paternal grandfather, George S. Davidson, came from his native district in County Down, Ireland, to America in 1844, and settled in New York City, where for four years he operated a soap and candle establishment. He removed in 1848 to Orange County, where he farmed for the rest of his life until his death there in March, 1899. His son, Robert J. Davidson, J. Edgar Davidson's father, born June 18, 1850, in Blooming Grove, Orange County, died in 1930, attended public schools at Craigville, near his home, then became clerk in a village store when about fourteen years of age, coming to Ramapo three years later and taking a similar post. In 1872 he became associated with the Ramapo Wheel & Foundry Company, of Ramapo, as shipping clerk, soon afterward becoming bookkeeper, then correspondence clerk. In 1881 the Ramapo Iron Works Company chose him as secretary, although he remained with the Ramapo Wheel & Foundry Company until 1883, when he resigned to give his full and active participation to the iron works management. At about the turn of the century Robert J. Davidson was associated with others in organization of the Ramapo Foundry Company, at Mahwah, which later became a part of the American Brake Shoe Company. He married, in 1876, Catherine M. Schurerman, of Brooklyn, New York. She was a member of the Daughters of the Revolution and was a descendant of an old and noted family. Her great-grandfather, John Schurerman, was a member of the Continental Congress from New York City. Mrs. Davidson died in 1920. The Davidsons became the parents of seven children: Eleanor S., Mary E., J. Edgar, of further mention, Florence, Robert J., Jr., A son, George F., was drowned in 1894, aged fourteen years, and a daughter, Bertha, died in 1890, aged eight.

Of these, J. Edgar Davidson attended public schools in Hillburn, his birthplace, and a private school in Paterson, New Jersey. He later studied at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and in 1908 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He also took some work in mechanical engineering there. In 1909 he became associated with the Manganese Steel Rail Company, of Paterson, serving as assistant to the company's metallurgist. Later he was similarly engaged with the Ramapo Iron Works, at Hillburn, as an engineer. About 1915 he became vice-president in charge of sales with the Ramapo Iron Works. After reorganization was effected, he became vice-president of the Ramapo

Ajax division of the American Brake Shoe Company, at Hillburn, as indicated above, and down to the time of writing he still continues in this position.

Widely known in Suffern, Ramapo and Rockland County business circles, Mr. Davidson is also a director of the Suffern National Bank, of Suffern, and of the G. W. Carnick Company, of Newark, New Jersey. He also takes an important rôle in community affairs in Ramapo, being president of the local board of education, Ramapo Central School District No. 1. He is also secretary of the finance and welfare committee of the State Charities Aid Society. During the First World War he was active on the membership committee of Ramapo Chapter of the American Red Cross. In fraternal circles he has for years figured prominently. Mr. Davidson is a member of Ramapo Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Past High Priest of Eureka Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and a member of Hudson River Commandery of Knights Templar and Mecca Temple (New York) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past president of the Houvenkopf Country Club, and is a member of the Arcola Country Club, of Arcola, New Jersey, and the Cornell Club of New York. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

On April 7, 1915, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, J. Edgar Davidson married Rita E. Keenen, a native Philadelphian, daughter of John Hudson Keenen. Mrs. Davidson is active in community affairs, being the official historian of the village of Hillburn, a past president of the Suffern Women's Club and an active worker in the Ramapo Valley Garden Club, Ramapo Chapter of the American Red Cross, the United Service Organizations, the Hillburn War Efforts Committee, and the Republican Town Committee. Formerly she served as a delegate to the Republican State Convention, and before then she was once an alternate delegate. She is a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1909, and has done much important civic and social work in this region of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson became the parents of the following children: 1. Jean, born June 6, 1918, in Hillburn, attended Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, took the Bachelor of Laws degree at the law school of Columbia University, was admitted to the bar of New York State in 1943, is now associated with the War Department, New York Ordnance District, Law Division, New York City. 2. Frances Elizabeth, born in March, 1920, attended the Kent Place School, Summit, New Jersey, and the Friends' School, New York, then took a special secretarial course in New York City, where she is now employed in this kind of work. 3. Reta, born April 10, 1923, in Hillburn, graduated as a Bachelor of Arts from Cornell, University, Ithaca, New York, class of 1944. 4. Catherine, born in Hillburn, became the wife of Robert T. Lettino, of New York City; he is now a lieutenant in the navy, serving in the Second World War.

ROBERT WOODIN DOUGHTY—Long a figure of importance in the affairs of the southern district of Dutchess County, Robert Woodin Doughty has been a practicing attorney here for more than four decades. His activities in civic and political affairs have been contributive to the direction taken in the development of this region, the consolidation of the villages of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing, the development of the city of Beacon. In local business and financial affairs he has also taken a leading position, as legal counsel and as administrative officer. The life of no other man has been more richly associated with the expansive period of local history; during his vigorous life Mr. Doughty has left the imprint of his personality on numerous of the institutions which represent the popular will of the people of Southern Dutchess County.

Mr. Doughty was born in the village of Matteawan, town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, on December 13, 1868, son of John Henry and Elizabeth (Woodin) Doughty. His father was a graduate of Williams College, with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, also the medical school of the University of Michigan, from which he graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1863. He was a surgeon brevet-major in the United States Army from 1863 to 1865. When he returned to civil life, Dr. Doughty became health officer of the village of Matteawan and of the town of Fishkill.

Robert Woodin Doughty received his early education at the Matteawan Union Free School and the Mount Beacon Academy, the latter at Fishkill-on-Hudson, completing his studies at the academy in 1885; he then attended the Ann Arbor, Michigan, High School, in 1886 and 1887. He matriculated at the University of Michigan in 1888, completed the undergraduate curriculum, and took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1892.

Before entering the legal field, however, Mr. Doughty spent a period of five years as a journalist in New York City. He was employed by the Associated Press City News division, and by the "Evening Sun."

In 1898, Mr. Doughty moved to Fishkill-on-Hudson. Here he studied law in the office of his brother, Edgar M. Doughty. At this time also he organized an insurance agency later known as the South Dutchess Insurance Agency. Having completed the requisite studies and met all requirements, Mr. Doughty was admitted to practice at the bar of the State of New York in 1900, and has been an attorney here continuously since that time.

In politics, Mr. Doughty has been affiliated with the Republican party. He joined the Theodore Roosevelt Progressive party, was active as a candidate for county judge, as county chairman of the party, and was a delegate to the Second National Convention, at Chicago. An organizer of the movement to consolidate the villages of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing, in 1911, he successfully led the campaign. He was a member of the Beacon City Charter Committee, and organized the independent



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movement which elected the first city council, in 1913. From 1913 to 1918, Mr. Doughty was the first city attorney of Beacon. He was a Republican City Committeeman of the First Ward, Second District, from 1926 to 1942, and has held the Republican city chairmanship for several years.

His business associations here include the Fishkill Savings Institute, Fishkill, of which he became a trustee in 1905; since 1906, he has been legal counsel, and in 1930 he was elected to the position of vice-president of the bank. Organizer of the Beacon Savings & Loan Association in 1922, he became a director and counsel, positions which he continued to hold until 1940.

Mr. Doughty is a charter member of the General Howland Camp No. 127, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and was its first commander; he became department counselor of the New York State Department in 1940, department senior vice-commander in 1941, and department commander in 1942 and 1943. He is a member of the Emeritus Club, University of Michigan; he organized the University of Michigan Club of Beacon, in 1942, served as its first president, and is a member of the board of governors. He is, with his family, a communicant of the First Baptist Church, Beacon. Active in church affairs, he held the position of president of the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York, in 1936.

On September 30, 1896, at Lacota, Van Buren County, Michigan, Robert Woodin Doughty married Jennie Grace Goble, daughter of Hiram E. and Susan (Perry) Goble. They were the parents of eight children. 1. Elizabeth Woodin (Doughty) Alden, born November 30, 1897, and is the mother of: i. John H. Doughty, born October 23, 1921. ii. Priscilla Grace, born March 13, 1925. iii. Elizabeth Lei Lani, born June 3, 1926. 2. Edna Renilda (Doughty) Abell, born August 6, 1900, and has three children: i. Norman Burt, born May 7, 1926. ii. David Robert, born November 24, 1932. iii. Grace Esther, born December 29, 1934. 3. Grace Roberta (Doughty) Herbert, born November 13, 1901. 4. Thomas John, born November 23, 1903. He is referee in the New York State Compensation Court, and is the father of Paul L., born February 27, 1930. 5. Robert Millard, born December 23, 1909. 6. Mary Perry (Doughty) Lohrentz, born August 28, 1912, and has three children: i. Heather Mary, born June 21, 1937. ii. Thomas D., born February 17, 1940. iii. William Bock. 7. Francis Edgar, born January 10, 1914, now a lieutenant in the United States Army. 8. John Henry, born June 2, 1915, father of Barbara Van Vlack, born December 9, 1941.

FRANK MCKINNES—Long associated with the trades of the textile industry, Frank McKinnes came to Beacon in 1942 to become associated with the Braendly Dye Works Corporation. Following the death of Mr. Braendly, in 1941, the office of president was filled by the former secretary and treasurer of the corporation,

and Mr. McKinnes was selected to fill the vacant positions of secretary and treasurer. Rated as one of the best qualified men in the field of textile work, Mr. McKinnes had a long experience in this field before coming to Beacon, and has here proved to be an essential man in the operation of the local concern. Since coming to Beacon, Mr. McKinnes has become interested in the civic affairs of the city, and is affiliated with local social institutions.

Mr. McKinnes was born June 9, 1902, in Scotland, son of Frank and Mary (Maxwell) McKinnes. His father was engaged in the mercantile business. Coming to the United States while a child, Frank McKinnes attended the public schools here, receiving the customary general education.

Spending all of his business career in the textile industry, Mr. McKinnes gradually became more familiar with the various departments of which it is made up, and qualified for executive position by knowing the work himself. He was engaged in textile work in other cities until 1938, when he came to Beacon to join the force of the Braendly Dye Works Corporation.

The original title of this firm was the Matteawan Manufacturing Company. It was originated in Beacon by the Henderson family, who remained its principal owners for many years. In 1935, the concern was taken over from the Hendersons by Oscar Braendly, who became at that time the head of the company, continuing in this capacity until his death in 1941.

Following the death of Mr. Braendly, the former secretary and treasurer of the corporation, August Haberlin, advanced to the positions of president and general manager, which he continues to hold at the present time. Mr. McKinnes was elected to replace him as secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

The business of the Braendly Dye Works Corporation consists of the manufacture of synthetic rayons and other fabrics. More than one hundred and seventy people make up the personnel of the firm, which operates in a plant allowing fifty thousand feet of floor space for its operations. Powered by water, the plant possesses an immediate source in the stream upon which it is located. The firm maintains a private railroad siding for the dispatch of its goods, which are distributed internationally. It gives attention to providing for its employees desirable modern facilities, and it is an advocate of the group insurance plan.

Mr. McKinnes is a member of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, and other local social and business organizations. He is, with his family, a communicant of the Baptist Church at Beacon.

In 1934, Frank McKinnes was married to Ruth H. Dadley, of Paterson, New Jersey. They are the parents of two children, Nancy Ruth and Jane Carolyn.

CARL FISCHER—The annals of music, replete with the struggles and achievements of composers and performers, also rightly include the story of those who, like Carl Fischer, were not only knowers and doers in the realm of musical art, but contributed to the publication and promotion of the works of others. Building up the music business of Carl Fischer, Inc., Nos. 56-62 Cooper Square, New York, he was primarily responsible for the creation of the famous Carl Fischer Music House and related enterprises. He earned the highest esteem and affection of producers, performers, teachers, students and lovers of music everywhere, as well as of his associates, employees and friends.

Mr. Fischer was born December 7, 1849, in Buttstaedt, Saxony, youngest of seven children in his family. He attended community schools, and, revealing a fondness for music while still very young, studied violin and French horn with Kapellmeister Haras, in Gotha. Later he joined his brother in a musical instrument business in Bremen, Germany, and while so engaged he continued his studies, learning to play the double-bass and bassoon. In 1864 he went to Markneukirchen, center of the German musical instrument industry, there familiarizing himself with every detail of instrument manufacturing. In 1867, in recognition of his skill along these lines, he was engaged to help complete a set of brass instruments exhibited at the great Paris Exposition. During his stay in Paris, he met the famous English manufacturer, Henry Distin, whose London organization he joined. Within a year he was placed in charge of the firm's Aldershot branch. In 1869 he returned to Bremen to help manage his brother's business, although he had already at that time cherished the dream of coming to America.

Arriving in the New World in 1872, he at once entered into the music business, while at the same time he accepted professional engagements as a performer to supplement his income. The creation of a great music house like that of Carl Fischer, Inc., housed in a many-storied modern building and boasting numerous departments to serve the trade, may seem a natural and easy process to one looking at it casually in retrospect. But the actual creative process, the building up of such a business from meager beginnings, represents truly the endeavor and striving of a lifetime of earnest effort. Before he was able to launch such a project, Mr. Fischer had first to take many introductory steps. When he made his initial venture into music publication, along very simple lines, he himself wrote out the first piece of music in chemical ink and reproduced it by primitive means. Only gradually was he able to undertake more ambitious plans, extend his catalog of publications and build up a musical instrument business. He made a point of meeting and intimately knowing American composers of promise, whose works he published to the limit of his ability. He also established the "Musical Observer," a monthly

magazine for the musician, music lover and student. On the side of instrument manufacture, he did much to raise the standards of craftsmanship. He also founded the "Metronome," a monthly magazine serving the artistic and practical interests of orchestra and band music.

These different branches and departments of the great business of Carl Fischer, Inc., were coördinated and harmonized by the careful planning and wise guidance of Carl Fischer, with the assistance of Walter S. Fischer and, until their untimely deaths, the founder's sons, Carl Fischer, Jr., and George Fischer. While doing everything possible for the advancement of music and musicians, as well as of the trade, Mr. Fischer distinguished himself as a considerate employer, helping to establish such institutions as the Employees' Sick Benefit Society. Founded in 1872, the Carl Fischer Music House celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1922, at which time employees presented to the company a beautiful bronze plaque bearing a photographic likeness of the founder, above a decorative motif rising out of the lyre of Orpheus. On the plaque appeared the words:

"Presented to
The Carl Fischer Music House
by Its Employees
In Commemoration of
The Fiftieth Anniversary
of the Establishment of the House
as a Testimonial of
Affectionate Regard for
CARL FISCHER
AND A TRIBUTE TO
HIS NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT
Labor omnia vincit"

An address delivered by W. Kretschmer at the presentation of the bronze tablet included reference to "Mr. Carl Fischer, who had this idea of a great music house a half century ago, went at it single-handed and laid the foundation of an establishment which now requires a good-sized force of men and women to keep it going." With the plaque the employees presented to the house also a list of all of their number, those who still lived and those who had passed on, not only in the main New York center, but in the Boston and Chicago branches. As friends wrote at the time in a memorial booklet, published in honor of the occasion,—

Quietly, as though in the natural course of events, without arrogating to himself any especial merit, and without flaunting the banner of idealism, Carl Fischer accomplished a task of which so many idealists make a dismal failure—turning an ideal to widespread practical account in human life and in musical progress. Like all men constitutionally modest, who see the task in hand and do it without waste of words, it is probable that Carl Fischer has dwelt but little on what music in America may owe him. He may never have formulated the thought that the splendid commercial edifice he has reared on the foundation of high principle and actual worth has been one of the country's finest and most effective mediums for the ad-

vancement of good music. The fact remains, however, and cannot be gainsaid.

The occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Carl Fischer Music House calls for an acknowledgment to the man to whom its existence, its development and its florescence are primarily due, Carl Fischer, himself.

At the death of the founder of the business, February 14, 1923, his son, Walter S. Fischer, succeeded to the presidency of the business. Carl Fischer's passing was an occasion of profound sorrow in the music trade and wherever he was known, and he will long be remembered by friends and associates in all departments of life.

JAMES A. FARLEY was born May 30, 1888, at Grassy Point, New York, son of James and Ellen (Goldrick) Farley. He was graduated from Stony Point High School in 1905, and Packard Commercial School, New York City, 1906. His business activities began as bookkeeper with the Merlin Keilholtz Paper Company in New York City in 1906. For twenty years Mr. Farley was with the United States Gypsum Company, and he was sales manager for the Universal Gypsum Company in New York City for a number of years. In 1926 he founded James A. Farley & Company, Inc., dealers in mason's materials, and in 1929 merged his firm with five other building material firms and organized the General Builders' Supply Corporation, with offices at 205 East Forty-second Street, New York City. Mr. Farley resigned as president and director in the General Builders' Supply Corporation on March 1, 1933. He was appointed chairman of the board of The Coca-Cola Export Corporation, September 1, 1940; chairman of the board and director of The Coca-Cola Export Sales Corporation; president and director of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Boston; director of Coca-Cola Company of Canada, Ltd.; director Western Coca-Cola Bottling Company. He is also a director of the New York Central Railroad Company.

Mr. Farley was elected town clerk, Stony Point, New York, 1912-19, and supervisor, Rockland County, 1920-23. He was appointed port warden in New York City by Governor Alfred E. Smith, 1918-19, and elected a member of the New York State Assembly from Rockland County for the 1923 session. Appointed a member of New York State Athletic Commission by Governor Smith, in 1924, he was reappointed 1926, 1928; reappointed by Secretary of State Edward J. Flynn in 1930 and 1932; made chairman of the commission in 1925 and remained chairman until he resigned, February 28, 1933.

Mr. Farley was appointed Postmaster General of the United States in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's cabinet in March, 1933; reappointed in President Roosevelt's cabinet on January 22, 1937, and resigned as postmaster general on August 31, 1940.

His political activities include: Chairman Rockland County Democratic Committee in 1919-29; delegate to Democratic National Democratic Convention, New York City, 1924, and Houston, Texas, 1928, from the 25th Congressional District; a delegate-at-large from New York to Chicago in 1932, Philadelphia in 1936, Chicago in 1940, and again to Chicago in 1944.; elected secretary of New York Democratic State Committee, August, 1928, to fill a vacancy and reelected in October, 1928, for two years; elected chairman of the New York Democratic State Committee, October, 1930; reelected to serve for two years in April, 1932; reelected September, 1934; April, 1936; September, 1938; April, 1940; August, 1942, and April, 1944. He resigned as chairman, July 11, 1944.

Mr. Farley was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee in Chicago, July 2, 1932; reelected June 27, 1936, in Philadelphia, and resigned as chairman of the Democratic National Committee on August 17, 1940. He has been second vice-president of the National Democratic Club of New York since 1930.

Mr. Farley is a member of the Rockland County Society of New York; Knights of Columbus, Haverstraw Council; Order of Red Men, Stony Point, New York; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Haverstraw, New York, Past Exalted Ruler; also president of New York State Elks Association, 1924-25; Rockland County Democratic Club; National Democratic Club and Grover Cleveland Osceola Democratic Club, New York City; New York Athletic Club; Catholic Club of New York; Tompkins Cove, New York, Social Club; Stony Point, New York, Social Club; member Congressional Country Club in Washington, District of Columbia; Fraternal Order of Eagles and Manhattan Club of New York; member of New York State Historical Association in Glens Falls, New York; Cuban Chamber of Commerce; Export Managers Club of New York, Inc.; Mexican Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Inc.; The Pan-American Society, Inc.; The Wing Club; Latin American Section of the New York Board of Trade; and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

On June 14, 1933, Mr. Farley received an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree from the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee; on June 10, 1934, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York; on June 12, 1934, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Manhattan College in New York City; on June 20, 1934, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the John Marshall College of Law in Jersey City, New Jersey, on June 11, 1935, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York; on November 18, 1935, an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree from Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee; on June 4, 1939, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Hendrix College,

Conway, Arkansas; on October 24, 1941, an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree from St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa; on May 19, 1942, an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree from Villanova College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He married Elizabeth A. Finnegan, April 28, 1920, at Haverstraw, New York. They have three children: Elizabeth, Ann and James A., Jr.

The Farley residence is at No. 301 Park Avenue, New York City, and Mr. Farley also has a country home at Haverstraw.

ROSSLYN MONTEITH COX—In a career distinguished by years of notable public service, Rosslyn Monteith Cox rose to a position of high honor in Middletown, Orange County and the State of New York. A lawyer of wide and large practice, he constantly was defending the rights of clients without regard to remuneration. A leader in the field of politics, his extended activities as mayor of Middletown, especially during critical periods in the history of the municipality and of the Nation were enormously useful. His influence in governmental circles was constructive and good. He likewise was prominent and popular in fraternal circles, civic and philanthropic organizations, and as a churchman and humanitarian.

Born February 10, 1869, in Mt. Hope Township, near Middletown, Orange County, New York, Mr. Cox was the son of Martin B. and Sophie (Penny) Cox. Reared on his father's farm, he attended local schools, and was graduated from the Wallkill Academy, in 1885. Although possessing all the qualifications, educational and physical, for appointment to West Point Military Academy, political intrigue prevented him from receiving this appointment, and young Cox turned his attention to another profession and read law in the office of Charles C. Dill of Middletown, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1892. He became a partner of Mr. Dill until 1908, when he joined William Vanamee and Thomas Watts, and organized the law firm of Vanamee, Watts and Cox. Two years later he withdrew from this association, and thereafter engaged in a general private practice of his profession, meeting with eminent success. He was counsel or attorney in many noteworthy cases of litigation. "As special counsel to the Conservation Commission of New York State under Governor Dix, a Democrat, Mr. Cox drafted the lands and forest laws on which the entire structure of conservation laws were predicated. In that same capacity he wrote and obtained adoption of the first tax laws in the United States, exempting from taxation the trees in State Forest preserves or wood lots until the timber was cut and marketed." Concerning the humanitarian side of the law practice of Mr. Cox, Louis N. Donnat in "The Meccan," a Shriners' magazine, of May, 1940:

His practice was large and I always hoped and doubted, that it was lucrative; I had heard many tales of his taking up the cudgels in the courts for the poor and the unfortunate; a gallant crusader for the down-trodden, he fought for their rights with all the zeal he possessed; I believe that one of his failings, or virtues, was the ease with which he forgot to send bills for his fees to those he so unselfishly befriended.

An almost forgotten phase of the career of Mr. Cox, was his excursion into newspaperdom. In 1919 he, with Thomas Pendell, established the "Middletown Herald," a forerunner of the present "Times-Herald" of this city. He remained a publisher until 1924, and later the plant was sold to the "Orange Independent Corporation." He had the true attitude of the newspaperman and lived up to the best tradition of the journalist—going all out in whatever was undertaken. The newspaper was no gold mine, a small publication seldom is, and it was written of Mr. Cox by a contemporary, "Again and again he would go out and pledge everything but the clothes he wore, to pay off the employees, and thus discharge what he considered a deep obligation to those who trusted him."

Rosslyn Monteith Cox was a staunch Democrat in a Republican community, but this did not prevent him from being elected mayor of Middletown in 1910, and he served from that year to 1915. During that critical World War I period of 1918 on, the electorate recalled him to the mayoralty and he gave the municipality a progressive and efficient administration to 1920. In regard to these years in his life, an earlier biographer commented:

Early in his period as mayor Mr. Cox conceived the idea of binding together the mayors and other officials of New York municipalities to study and discuss problems of common interest. After sounding out opinions on the subject among other chief executives of city governments, he became one of the organizers of the New York State Conference of Mayors. This organization was able to do much to improve municipal government while Mr. Cox was its president. He made a profound study of municipal government problems, gave the other mayors the benefit of his attainments along these lines, and promoted many worth while projects. It was while he headed the conference that he founded the Bureau of Municipal Information, which he termed "the most efficient instrument for the cause of municipal government in the State or Country." Often Mr. Cox addressed gatherings of city officials and citizens in all parts of New York State during those days, and he aided many municipal groups to establish scientific tax assessment systems, not alone in New York, but as far west as Texas. Always, as mayor and in his other connections, he was an ardent advocate of conservation of lands, forest and trees, as well as of water power development by the State.

After ten years as mayor of Middletown, Mr. Cox retired by personal choice from political office, although not from public service as a patriotic citizen. It was he, as a lawyer, who led a crusade to bring about rate reductions by the Rockland Light & Power Corporation. "He proceeded, in that case, with characteristic devotion



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to the cause and with great expense to himself regardless of tremendous opposition; and only the failure of an apathetic public to rally around him when he was battling for their interests made it impossible for him to overcome the vigorous opposition that corporate powers threw against him."

Many will remember Mr. Cox for his fraternal affiliations and prominence in the Masonic Order. He was a member of Hoffman Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in Middletown; Midland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Cyprus Commandery No. 67, Knights Templar; New York Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; the Royal Order of Jesters; and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of New York, into which he was initiated in 1906 and of which he later served as Potentate, being so elected by acclamation in 1924, after having declined all possible short cuts to this high office. Through Mr. Cox's influence Middletown became a center of elaborate Shrine activities. It was under his auspices that Mecca Temple held a three-day session here starting October 25, 1919, during which period business in Orange County was suspended and the town enjoyed a giant carnival. The success of the session led to another three-day "Tall Grass" session of July 23, 24 and 25, 1921, on the grounds of the Orange Agricultural Society.

Mr. Cox was also active at the laying of the corner stone of Mecca Temple on October 13, 1923, personally attending to the details of the dedication on December 29, 1924, when dignitaries from every walk of life joined to hail Mecca Temple. At one time Mr. Cox was active in the Orange County Golf Club and the Middletown Civic Club. He spent considerable time also in his work with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Cox was a popular member of the long organized Monhagen Hose Company, which used to send representatives to volunteer fire company events all over Southeastern New York State around the turn of the century. His religious affiliations were with Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Middletown, where in earlier years he sang in the choir, and later was a lay reader and fine exemplar of the Christian faith and life.

Rosslyn M. Cox married (first), July 8, 1896, J. Antoinette Fuller of Danbury, Connecticut, daughter of A. C. Fuller. Mrs. Cox was a highly accomplished musician. She passed away on February 15, 1914. He married (second), on November 29, 1917, Mrs. Elizabeth (Loomis) Stratton, daughter of Charles and Mary (Johnson) Loomis, of English and Dutch-English ancestry respectively, and widow of Ralph DeForest Stratton, to whom she was married April 30, 1902, and who died August 7, 1913.

The death of Rosslyn Monteith Cox occurred on March

28, 1940, and marked the passing of one of Middletown's "first citizens," a man of many talents and broad interests, who was devoted to the best aspects of the city and its people. In public service he was frequently compared with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, tireless in municipal activities, effective in all of his undertakings. Courageous in his defense of what he considered right and just, he was withal genuinely human and humane, a lover of his fellowmen, unfailing in his help of the needy and underprivileged. Contemporaries might be critical of his ideas, but never of his ideals and character. He was as faithful a citizen as any community could boast, a gallant spirit and luminous exemplar of the principles of democracy, "a gentleman unafraid."

HENRY P. MURPHY—To his practice of the law in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, Henry P. Murphy has brought much of the experience of his generation, one in which preparation for a profession was interrupted by military service in World War I, and graduation and entrance into the fields of public endeavor were both delayed and changed. He was born at Pawling, December 1, 1898, son of Daniel J. and Mary (Herhiley) Murphy, both natives of County Cork, Ireland, and both now deceased. His mother lived to 1940. His father, who was engaged in the dairy industry, died in 1936.

Henry P. Murphy attended local public schools prior to matriculating at Cornell University, from the law school of which he was graduated with the class of 1920, a Bachelor of Laws. In the meanwhile he had become acquainted first hand with some phases of agriculture and business, and for a time attended the Officers' Training School, at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia. After completing his studies at Cornell University, he was admitted to the New York bar in 1921, and for further experience, entered the law offices of Judge John E. Mack, of Poughkeepsie, New York. Since 1922, he has practiced his profession in Pawling, as a law partner of Henry F. Blessing, in the firm of Blessing and Murphy, an exceptionally successful combination of lawyers. He is attorney for the National Bank of Pawling, the Pawling Savings Bank, and is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and other legal societies. Mr. Murphy is president of the board of education of the town of Pawling and is a member of the Dutchess County Civil Service Commission. Fraternally Mr. Murphy is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a Past Grand Knight, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Pawling Fire Department, and is a past commander of the Pawling Post of the American Legion, and former commander of the Dutchess County American Legion. He attends St. John's Catholic Church.

In 1937, Henry P. Murphy married Anna May Pendergast, of Hudson, New York.

REGINALD HEMINGWAY DAVIES—The name Davies is unusually well and favorably known in the municipality of Beacon, Dutchess County, where Ernest and Reginald Hemingway Davies, father and son, have long been prominent in local life, business and finance. The elder man, although retired from many activities, is president of the strong Beacon Savings & Loan Association, with the son also being an official of the organization.

Reginald Hemingway Davies, attorney, was born in Beacon, New York, April 30, 1902, son of Ernest and Grace (Hemingway) Davies. After completing his academic education, he matriculated at the Albany School of Law, from which he was graduated with the class of 1923, a Bachelor of Laws. During the following year he passed his law examinations and was admitted to the bar, and for a time practiced his profession in association with Rowe and Flagg. He then was with Reynolds, Richards and McCutcheon, attorneys, for three years.

In 1935, Mr. Davies returned to his native city of Beacon, since when he has engaged in a general practice of his profession. In 1932 he was admitted to the bar of the State of New Hampshire. Since 1936, he has been secretary of the Beacon Savings & Loan Association. This organization, which incidentally has assets approaching the half million dollar mark, was founded by a group of local business and professional men in 1922. Its first president was Fred E. Flubacker, who was succeeded by Ernest Davies, father of the subject of this record. It has had but four secretaries, Warren C. Taylor, Sherwood Robinson, Robert C. Nerrie, and Reginald H. Davies. The latter named is a member of several local clubs and law associations, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. He attends St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Reginald Hemingway Davies married, August 11, 1928, Gladys B. Keene, of New Hampshire, and they have two children: 1. Ann, born February 7, 1934. 2. Edward K. Davies, born October 13, 1936.

EDWARD A. RUSSELL—In the law and as a public official, Edward A. Russell has gained an enviable reputation in Dutchess County. He was born at Beacon, this same county, April 9, 1905, son of Alfred P. and Sarah E. (Bloomer) Russell. His father, also a native of Beacon, is a man of considerable importance in this city and Dutchess County, having been, at one time, the mayor of Beacon, and former county treasurer.

Edward A. Russell completed his formal education and then entered the offices of Phillips, Heaney and Hassett, at Beacon, to study law. At the first he was a clerk in their headquarters and a great deal of work went into

the years prior to his passing the required law examinations of New York State. Admitted to the bar in 1935, he initiated a general practice of his profession at Beacon. Two years later he became a partner in the law firm of Davies and Russell.

Mr. Russell is a member of the Dutchess County and Poughkeepsie Bar associations, and a member of several clubs. He has been assistant district attorney since 1939, and is credited with doing an excellent job in this post. Fraternally he is a Past Master of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he serves on the official board.

In 1928, Edward A. Russell married Grace D. Becker, of New York, and they are the parents of a son: Theodore A. Russell, born December 9, 1930.

SAMUEL LUNN—In the business circles of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, Samuel Lunn has been an active figure since young manhood. He likewise has entered into community life in many ways, and is especially prominent in the fraternal orders of the city. He is a native of Dutchess County, born June 11, 1890, son of Franklin and Ella Jane (Secore) Lunn, his mother also being a native of this county, born at Matteawan, and who died in 1922. Franklin Lunn came originally from Newark, New Jersey, and was for some years a hat manufacturer. His death occurred in 1915.

After completing his education, Samuel Lunn began his career in a grocery business, and commerce has been his principal activity since. At first he was associated with William H. Timmerman, but in 1927 started his own establishment on East Main Street, Beacon, where he continued in the retail grocery trade for eight years, and then built his present store on the corner of Spring and East Main streets. Integrity and service have been watchwords ever since he started, and he caters to a large and loyal clientele.

Mr. Lunn is a trustee of the Beacon Savings Bank. He is a member of the board of education, and responsible for some of the improvements introduced in the present day system of schooling. Fraternally he is a popular member of Beacon Lodge, No. 283, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Order of the Eastern Star; and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. One of the things of which he is justly proud is life membership in the Beacon Fire Company, one of the organizations which in the Hudson River Valley section, has long been one of the prominent useful and social groups of its towns. He attends the Presbyterian Church, in Beacon, of which he is a trustee.

On August 6, 1919, Samuel Lunn married Sarah Edna Johnson, of Newburgh, New York, daughter of Samuel H. and Elmira (MacKenzie) Johnson.



W. H. Wright

CHARLES DWIGHT DIVINE—For more than half a century Charles Dwight Divine was identified with the oldest company in the United States continuously engaged in the manufacture of pocket cutlery and other special lines of cutlery. His father, Dwight Divine, was one of the principal founders of this enterprise in Ellenville, Ulster County, New York, just a year or so before the birth of his son of this record, and the family name has been to the fore over a long period in this part of southeastern New York, not alone as industrialists, contributing largely to the prosperity of the community, but as leaders in financial, civic, social and charitable projects and organizations. A short story of the historic company is appended to this biographical review.

Charles Dwight Divine is a native of Ellenville, born January 1, 1873, son of Dwight (of whom further) and his wife Millicent J. (Hatch) Divine. Dwight Divine died in September, 1933, at the age of ninety-two years, one of the most esteemed and beloved of Ellenville's chief citizens. After attending the public schools of his birthplace, Charles Dwight Divine studied at Phillips-Andover Academy, and returned to Ellenville to enter the employ of the Ulster Knife Company, engaged in the making of cutlery, usually in executive capacities for more than fifty years, retiring as chairman of the board in recent years. Mr. Divine is president of the Ellenville Savings Bank, and a director of several corporations, including Dwight Divine & Sons, Inc., the corporate name of the knife manufacturing industry that later was sold to the Ulster Knife Company (*q. v.*) of which Mr. Divine was chairman of the board and a director until he retired in 1943.

John H. Divine, grandfather of Charles Dwight Divine, was one of the founders of the Ellenville Savings Bank. He was a trustee for sixteen years. Dwight Divine was a trustee for sixty-one years, and served as its president for forty years. Charles Dwight Divine served as trustee for forty years and has been president for twelve years.

During World War I, Charles Dwight Divine was especially prominent in the numerous public activities of that time, heading drives for the sale of Victory bonds, and the raising of funds for the American Red Cross Society and other humanitarian agencies. He served on many boards and committees and, with his father and brother, contributed notably to the progress of war work. Fraternally Mr. Divine is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a thirty-second degree Mason, member of the Scottish Rite bodies and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A member, elder and trustee of the Reformed Church, of Ellenville, he is well known for his generous support of religious and charitable projects.

At Ellenville, New York, in 1900, Charles Dwight Divine married Jessie B. Donaldson, daughter of James

W. Donaldson, a member of a firm of wholesale dealers in grain, feed, provisions and groceries, also owners and operators of the first line of freight boats on the Delaware & Hudson Canal running from Honesdale, Pennsylvania, to Rondout (now Kingston) on the Hudson River. Mr. and Mrs. Divine are the parents of two daughters: 1. Millicent T., attended Mt. Holyoke College and previously was a student at Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr; she married Robert W. Keeler. 2. Frances D., a graduate of Bradford Academy and Vassar College, who married Dick P. Fullerton.

ULSTER KNIFE COMPANY—In 1871 a group of men who came originally from Sheffield, England, the great steel and cutlery center of Great Britain, migrated to Ellenville, New York, where they interested the then existing board of trade in the idea of manufacturing knives. They secured the old Bloomer Foundry and under the name of the Coöperative Knife Company began business. Later the name was changed to the Ellenville Knife Company, and still later to its present title of the Ulster Knife Company. The enterprise eventually ran into financial difficulties, and Dwight Divine, who had been connected with the business since its inception, took over all the stock and assumed the entire indebtedness. He assumed entire ownership and control in about 1876.

In 1880 a disastrous fire destroyed most of the plant, and some of the work was done in Middletown, New York, during the rebuilding period. In 1923 John H. Divine became treasurer, the office he has since filled, and the business was conducted under the title of Dwight Divine & Sons. The Ulster Knife Company is the oldest concern in continuous operation in the manufacture of pocket cutlery in the United States. In normal times about four hundred people have been employed and the company's products enjoy high repute and a national distribution. In January, 1941, the business was sold to a New York syndicate, the principal stockholder being Albert M. Baer, of New York City, who had been with the Camillus Knife Company, situated at Camillus about ten miles west of Syracuse, New York. The name Ulster Knife Company is the trade name. Mr. Baer is president; Henry Aaron, vice-president and general manager; John H. Divine, until his death in 1943, was treasurer; and Charles Dwight Divine was chairman of the board and a director until he retired in 1943. They were one of the largest suppliers of their line of products to the government for war purposes and sales are said to run well over \$1,000,000 a year.

STEPHEN W. ZEH—Engaged in the general practice of law in Port Jervis, Stephen W. Zeh is highly esteemed and honored in this community.

Mr. Zeh was born July 16, 1898, in Central Bridge, Schoharie County, New York, son of Marcus R. and Laura (Posson) Zeh. His father was an educator.

Stephen W. Zeh completed his preliminary studies, then became a student at Union University and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1921 at Albany Law School. Admitted to the bar July 6, 1922, he practiced for a time in Sullivan County, where he was associated with Ellsworth Baker until 1925. In that year he established himself in Port Jervis, here conducting an independent practice of his profession down to the time of writing.

Handling a wide variety of cases and taking a deep interest in community life, Mr. Zeh is corporation counsel of the city of Port Jervis. Since 1940 he has been a member of Selective Service Board No. 307, of Port Jervis. Politically Mr. Zeh is a Democrat. Among his other professional activities, he is counsel to the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association. He is a member of the Port Jervis Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

During the First World War he was in the army as a member of the Student Army Training Corps in 1918, so continuing until honorably discharged after the return of peace. He is a past commander of James C. Bilz American Legion Post No. 685 of the city of Port Jervis. Active in the Kiwanis Club, he is at the same time a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 645, and the Port Jervis Lodge, No. 328, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he has a number of affiliations, and he is a Past Patron of N. Taft Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member of the consistory of the West End Reformed Church.

On December 25, 1930, at Port Jervis, New York, Stephen W. Zeh married Sarah E. Haney, daughter of A. J. and Margaret (Bush) Haney. They became the parents of a son, Stephen W. Zeh, Jr., born September 9, 1934.

In leisure time Mr. Zeh is particularly interested in the history and background of his own and related families. He is of colonial stock. On his paternal side he is of Dutch and German-Palatine descent, and on his maternal side of French-English descent. Members of both branches of the family served in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

HENRY C. GRUBE—Throughout a lifetime spent at his native village of Rhinebeck, Henry C. Grube ranked among the more prominent members of the community, not only because of his business standing, but also because of his generous and far-reaching interest in the lives of his fellow-citizens. The Grube family has for years conducted at Rhinebeck a retail furniture and undertaking business which is one of the oldest in Dutchess County. It was into this business that Mr. Grube

entered with his father, following the completion of his school studies. As associate and later as sole owner, he managed the business in a manner which was both productive and admirable. Following the death of Mr. Grube, the venerable furniture firm has been taken over by the estate which he left, and was administered by Mrs. Grube until her death February 28, 1944. Now the business is being continued under the same name by the estate.

Mr. Grube was born on May 2, 1880, at Rhinebeck, son of Andrew and Katherine (Deichelman) Grube, both natives of the State. His father was engaged in business as a dealer in furniture. Henry C. grew up at Rhinebeck, attended the public schools, and there received the customary general education. He entered into association with his father in the retail furniture business, and, after the death of his father, continued to conduct the enterprise successfully alone.

During the World War, Mr. Grube served on several boards and committees here. He had not been deeply interested in politics, but he had been willing to be of service to his community, and had held the office of coroner for a term. He was a member of the Civic Club of Rhinebeck, of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company, and of the State and county Funeral Directors Associations.

His social affiliations included memberships in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he was a past noble grand; and the Order of the Eastern Star, in which he was twice Most Worthy Patron. In addition to his avocational interest in local civic affairs, Mr. Grube enjoyed as one of his favorite recreations the collection of antiques.

In 1907, Henry C. Grube was married to Elizabeth F. Gross, daughter of Philip and Catherine (Euler) Gross, whose father was a carriage maker by trade. They were members of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Grube was an elder and deacon.

Mr. Grube died on March 5, 1942. Because of his far-sighted and sympathetic appraisal of community affairs, and his eagerness to be of service to the village and district, his passing is felt as a deep and irreparable loss to his friends and neighbors.

ALEXANDER VANDERBURGH, M. D.—Practicing for many years in Brewster, Dr. Alexander Vanderburgh, of this place, is at the time of writing engaged in the service of his country, being a captain in the army medical corps, stationed in China, near the scene of the Burma offensive.

Dr. Vanerburgh, was born January 15, 1898, in Hainan, China, son of Dr. Ernest D. and Eleanor (Bee-man) Vanderburgh. His father was for more than forty years a missionary in China. He was born in Hast-



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ings, New York, and lived there, for the most part, during his time in the United States. The mother, Mrs. Eleanor (Beeman) Vanderburgh, was a native of Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Private schools in China furnished Dr. Alexander Vanderburgh's early formal education. He remained in China until he attained the age of twelve years, and afterward was a student at the McKenzie School, in Tarrytown. At Yale University he took a pre-medical course, followed by one year of medical study at Yale, after which he completed his medical work at New York University and Bellevue Hospital, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After serving an internship at Brooklyn Hospital, he went to China in 1925 and remained for two years in that country. Back in the United States, he commenced his practice in Brewster in September, 1927, taking over the practice of the late Dr. Boynton, widely known Brewster physician. While living in Brewster, Dr. Vanderburgh also served as school physician and rendered invaluable service in this connection.

When the Second World War involved the United States, Dr. Vanderburgh enlisted and entered the active service, now being a captain in the medical corps, stationed in China, as indicated above. He is a past president of the Putnam County Medical Society and a member of the staff of Northern Westchester Hospital, Mount Kisco. Formerly he served as president of the Brewster Lions Club. He belongs also to the New York Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Brewster. In spare time he enjoys golf and does considerable traveling, of which he is fond. He also likes singing.

Dr. Alexander Vanderburgh married (first), May 30, 1925, Ruth Dakin Ferguson, of New Rochelle, New York. She died in February, 1932. Their children were: 1. Louise, born in Kuling, China, in 1926. 2. Alexander, born in Brewster, in 1928. 3. Edward, born in Brewster in 1930. Dr. Vanderburgh married (second), August 4, 1933, in Pawling, New York, Gladys Meldrum, a graduate of Vassar College in 1920, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, daughter of the Rev. W. H. and Angie (Heartfield) Meldrum, her father a retired clergyman residing in Pawling. They have a daughter, Faith, born in Mount Kisco, in 1934. Shirley Ann Burr, a step-daughter of Dr. Vanderburgh, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1928.

KURT HOLZER, M. D.—In Poughkeepsie, Dr. Kurt Holzer is a specialist in internal medicine and stomach diseases. He performs a highly important work in his own office practice and in association with the hospitals on whose staffs he serves.

Dr. Holzer was born July 9, 1902, in Germany, son of Dr. Isaac and Betty (Loewenstein) Holzer. His father is a rabbi in Poughkeepsie.

Public schools in his native land provided Kurt Holzer's early formal education, and subsequently he became a student at the University of Heidelberg, and Berlin, where he was graduated in 1925. He served an internship in 1925 and 1926 at the Virchow Hospital, in Berlin, and from 1926 to 1930 was a resident physician at that institution. Certified as an internist by the German Board of Specialists, Dr. Holzer practiced his specialty at Mainz, Germany, from 1931 to 1936, then came to the United States. In this country he has centered his work in Poughkeepsie, practicing here since 1936 and carrying on his specialized medical activity.

In addition to his own practice, he serves on the staffs of Vassar and St. Francis hospitals, in Poughkeepsie. Dr. Holzer is also a member of the Dutchess County Medical Society and the New York State Medical Society, and numerous charitable organizations. He belongs to Vassar Temple. In his spare time he enjoys reading and the pursuits of scholarship, and photography is, with him, a favorite hobby.

In 1931, in Germany, Dr. Kurt Holzer married Ilse Marum, a German newspaperwoman. They became the parents of two children: 1. Renate R. Holzer, born in 1933. 2. Jane Ann Holzer, born in 1942.

LESLIE POWERS DODGE—As one enters Lake Mahopac, Putnam County, by main highway, one is likely to take note of the picturesque real estate office of Leslie Powers Dodge, than whom there is no better informed man concerning this wonderfully beautiful part of Southeastern New York. A New Englander, serving with the United States Naval aviation during World War I, a business man of varied and important experience, he became acquainted with central Putnam County a number of years ago, and becoming convinced of its future prospects, cast in his lot with the development of the Mahopac section in 1927. He has since remained not only as one of its foremost citizens but has in no small measure contributed constructively to the upbuilding of several fine communities. At all times he has placed his abilities and service at the command of the public, and his affiliations with local organizations and movements are numerous and highly valued.

As indicated, the background of Mr. Dodge is New England, and he spent his youth in a part of Massachusetts where the topography was not unlike that of central Putnam County. He was born in Saundersville, on the banks of the Blackstone River, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on June 24, 1894, son of the late Frederick Arthur and Cora Isabelle (Powers) Dodge. The Dodge family is of very ancient English origin. So long ago as 1306, one Peter Dodge, of County Chester, Old

England, was granted a coat-of-arms. William, son of John of Somersetshire, settled in Salem, New England, in 1629. Richard, his brother, was in Salem in 1638, and the two were among the founders of Beverly, Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1667. Tristram Dodge was one of the original settlers of Block Island, Rhode Island, in 1661. Reuben Rawson Dodge (grandfather), compiled a "Dodge Genealogy," and assisted in the writing of a "History of the Town of Sutton, Massachusetts, 1704-1876." On the maternal side of Leslie Powers Dodge was Edward Rawson, born in Dorsetshire, England, in 1615, arrived in Newburyport, Massachusetts, in 1637, and was the first secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

The father of Leslie Powers Dodge was, like his son, steeped in the New England tradition of hard work and civic service. He was an outstanding figure in the town of Grafton, Massachusetts, where he was a long-time selectman. In this same town he was a feed, grain and coal dealer at Saundersville and also maintained an establishment in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Leslie Powers Dodge was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and was a graduate of South High School, Worcester, Massachusetts, also of Bryant & Stratton Commercial School, Boston, and attended Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. Then came World War I, and he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard, in 1917, but was transferred to the United States Naval Reserve, during the following year. Subsequently he was assigned to the Navy Aviation School, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and progressed so well that he was sent to Miami, Florida, for further training in flying at the advanced training camp in this south Florida city. When he was honorably discharged from aviation service in 1919, it was with the rank of ensign.

Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Dodge went with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of America from 1920 to 1922; and was then in the employ from 1922 to 1925, of the Atlas Steel Barrel Corporation of Bayonne, New Jersey, as its treasurer. Leslie Powers Dodge was later with the Air Reduction Corporation, in the sales department of the company in New York City, in 1927, when he first became actively interested in the Lake Mahopac country. It was not until two years later that he became associated permanently as a real estate broker with the development of this section. For a number of years he confined his activities to real estate operations, the "Dodge Directory Service" and all the other phases of the realty business. Since 1935, the Leslie P. Dodge enterprise also has engaged in a general insurance business, the agent for every type of insurance.

The breadth of the interests of Mr. Dodge is indicated by the wide variety of his extra-business memberships, and the groups to which he lends leadership. Along the lines of his commercial activities are his mem-

berships in the Putnam County Real Estate Board, of which he is secretary and treasurer, and the first president; the zoning board of appeals, town of Carmel, on which he acts as chairman; the New York Society of Real Estate Appraisers, and other allied associations. He is a notary public, a member of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department; the board of education, Central School District No. 1, of which he is clerk and a trustee; treasurer of the Mahopac Hills Association, Inc., and he is the secretary and a past president of the Mahopac-Carmel Rotary Club. He serves as secretary of the Mahopac Emergency Hospital, is a member of the American Hospital Service of New York City, and of the Mahopac Post, No. 1080, American Legion. He worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is a generous supporter of religious and charitable works.

In New York City, at the Hotel Astor, on October 9, 1919, Leslie Powers Dodge married Helen Pascoe Cochrane, daughter of the late Samuel B. and Mayme (Pascoe) Cochrane. Mrs. Dodge, an outstanding leader in social, civic and humanitarian groups, is well known and esteemed as the first president and one of the organizers of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club, the present secretary of the Putnam County Health Association, of which she is a former president, and is also manager of Putnam County Products Company, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge have a son, John Rawson Dodge, born June 11, 1921, who graduated from the Wooster School at Danbury, Connecticut, attended Lehigh University and St. Lawrence University, graduating in December, 1942, with his Bachelor of Arts degree. He enlisted in the United States Army in August, 1942, while at college, entering the Intelligence Service, United States Army Air Corps, in January, 1943. He is now a sergeant and is stationed at Davis-Monthan Field, at Tucson, Arizona. He is unmarried.

THEODORE K. SCHAEFER—In the course of more than a score of years in the practice of law in Brewster, Theodore K. Schaefer has made a substantial contribution to the life of this community and of this region of New York State. He has deeply interested himself in the public affairs of Westchester and Putnam counties, and, among his other activities, is active in real estate and insurance work.

Mr. Schaefer was born February 17, 1891, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Joseph and Bertha M. Schaefer. They moved to Katonah, Westchester County about 1909, and Theodore K. Schaefer resided there for a period of twenty years. He attended the Ethical Culture School, New York City, and the New York Preparatory School, then entered New York University, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws in 1920. From 1910 to 1922 he was employed in the office of Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry in

New York City, during which time he took up the study of law. Between January, 1918, and July, 1918, he was a civilian employee in the Department of Docks, Wharves and Terminals, New York City, in the service of the Federal Government, Port Storage Officers Department. On July 29, 1918, he enlisted in the army quartermaster corps, in which he was assigned to handle the same duties that had been his in his civilian capacity. On August 8 he was appointed sergeant, first class, in the quartermaster corps, and he continued his services during the First World War and afterward until honorably discharged on January 16, 1919. He has since then been a continuous member of the American Legion, serving as commander of the Katonah (New York) Post and vice-commander and treasurer of the Westchester County organization. He is a member of the Brewster, Putnam County and the New York State American Legion committees, and is a past district judge advocate of the Ninth District, Department of New York.

Resuming his plans to practice law immediately after he completed his war time service to his country, Mr. Schaefer was admitted to the New York State bar in October, 1920. Starting his practice in Brewster in 1922, he at once was assigned to handle important legal cases. His responsibilities have grown with the years, as have his services. He was admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and from time to time received other important assignments.

For four years Mr. Schaefer was corporation counsel of the incorporated village of Brewster, and for six years he was a justice of the peace of the town of Southeast, Putnam County. After serving for three and one-half years as a councilman of the town of Southeast, he was reelected to this post for four more years in the autumn of 1943. He is also acting police justice of the village of Brewster, having served in that capacity for two years. Since 1932 Mr. Schaefer has been a member of the board of education of Brewster, of which he is now president. Since the establishment of the selective service system in the Second World War, Mr. Schaefer has been government appeal agent for Putnam County. In February, 1943, he was also appointed referee of incompetents' estates, being so designated by the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court. Mr. Schaefer is also a member of the Westchester and Putnam County Bar associations, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, as well as of other professional organizations.

In addition to his legal work, he is, as noted above, a licensed real estate broker and a licensed insurance broker, maintaining since 1922 his own office for the sale of real estate and all forms of insurance. He is a member of the New York State Magistrates' Association. He also belongs to the Phi Delta Phi fraternity, is a past president of the Brewster Lions Club, and is Past Master

of Kisco Lodge, No. 708, Free and Accepted Masons, at Mt. Kisco. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Brewster. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life, being particularly fond of golf, gardening and fishing.

Theodore K. Schaefer married, June 22, 1929, in Brewster, New York, Gladys V. Ferguson, daughter of Fred and Frances D. (Mead) Ferguson, at which time he became a permanent resident of Putnam County. They became the parents of a daughter, Barbara Grace Schaefer, born April 6, 1930.

CLARENCE TRAVER—Long a resident of the Rhinebeck district, Clarence Traver is a member of a family which has been engaged in farming here for several generations. He himself was first occupied, at the beginning of his adult life, with the business of railroad-ing, but later returned to farming as an occupation. In 1931, Clarence Traver was made justice of the peace for the town of Rhinebeck. Continuing in this office at the present time, Judge Traver remains one of Rhinebeck's leading citizens. Throughout his lifetime here, he has been in the forefront of all moves calculated to be of advantage to the local citizens.

Judge Traver was born at Rhineland, on the Hudson River, on May 2, 1875, son of William E. and Ise Traver, both natives of Rhineland. His father, who was a farmer, died in 1909. His mother, who is still living, has attained the age of ninety-two. Clarence spent his boyhood in the Rhinebeck district, and attended the public schools here, receiving therein the customary general education of the time. He then continued his studies at the Claverack Academy.

His first occupational association was with the New York Central Railroad, where he remained for eight years. After concluding this connection, he took up farming on a large scale, and now operates a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres, upon which he has a fine herd of dairy cattle. Part of his holding is devoted to general farming. In addition to his agrarian occupation, Clarence Traver holds the position of justice of the peace for the town of Rhinebeck, and exercises the functions of this office in the quarters assigned to him at the new town hall. He is a member of the National Grange, and of the Civic Club of Rhinebeck, New York.

Clarence Traver married (first) Lilian May Wilsey, now deceased. They were the parents of two children: 1. George M., a graduate of Springfield Training School and of New York University, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He married Dorothy Anderson. 2. Dorothy M., a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City. She married Charles Kalb. Mr. Traver married (second) Frieda Randall, who died January 1, 1934. They were the parents of one daughter, Gloria Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Traver were active together

in the civic affairs of their home community, and Mr. Traver is a member of the Reformed Church, in which he serves as deacon.

RALPH B. WHEELER—The present mayor of Rhinebeck, Ralph B. Wheeler was formerly employed on the Astor estate here, and later became the proprietor of a local garage. During his many years of residence in the village, he has become popular with the residents. Special confidence has been won by his public activity as executive of the village of Rhinebeck. Many modern improvements, including garbage and ash removal, new streets, and similar developments, date here from the beginning of his tenure in office. Mr. Wheeler is a member of several local social and fraternal organizations to which he gives his enthusiastic support.

Mr. Wheeler was born at Rhinecliff, on November 25, 1892, son of Edward P. and Gertrude E. (Traver) Wheeler, both natives of Dutchess County. His father, a gardener by trade, died in 1934. His mother died in 1926.

Growing up in this region, Ralph B. Wheeler received his early education in the public schools. He then became employed on the Vincent Astor estate, assisting in the development and care of the thoroughbred horses raised there. After continuing in that employment for a period of eight years, Mr. Wheeler became associated with the Hub Garage, Rhinebeck, where he has since continued.

One of the leaders in civic affairs at Rhinebeck, Mr. Wheeler was elected to the office of mayor here. He is a member of the Civic Club of Rhinebeck. His social affiliations include membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a Past Noble Grand, and a Past District Deputy.

In 1914, Ralph B. Wheeler was married to Eva M. Boss, of Kingston, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Donald E., who married Lucille Loweth. 2. Olga M. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are communicants of the Methodist Church at Rhinebeck, and are active together in the social and civic affairs of the village.

JOHN A. CASSIDY—Resident in Beacon for a period of three decades, John A. Cassidy continues to conduct here the funeral establishment which is the oldest institution of its kind to be operated under one name in this city.

Mr. Cassidy was born at Hartford, Connecticut, on January 2, 1891, son of James and Ann (Duffy) Cassidy. Both parents were natives of County Antrim, Ireland; the father, who was a shipbuilder by trade, died on November 29, 1933; the mother died on February 27 of the same year.

John A. received his education in the parochial schools, later attending the Renouard School of Embalming, from

which he graduated. He first entered the business which has since been his life work at Newburgh, in 1912. However, he remained there for only one year, crossing to the east side of the Hudson in 1913 to take up his permanent situation at Beacon. Mr. Cassidy was the first in Beacon to motorize his equipment. At the present time, he operates over an area of twenty-five miles.

His social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Beacon, having twice served in the office of Grand Knight. Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy are communicants of the St. John's Roman Catholic Church at Beacon, and are active together in the affairs of the parish.

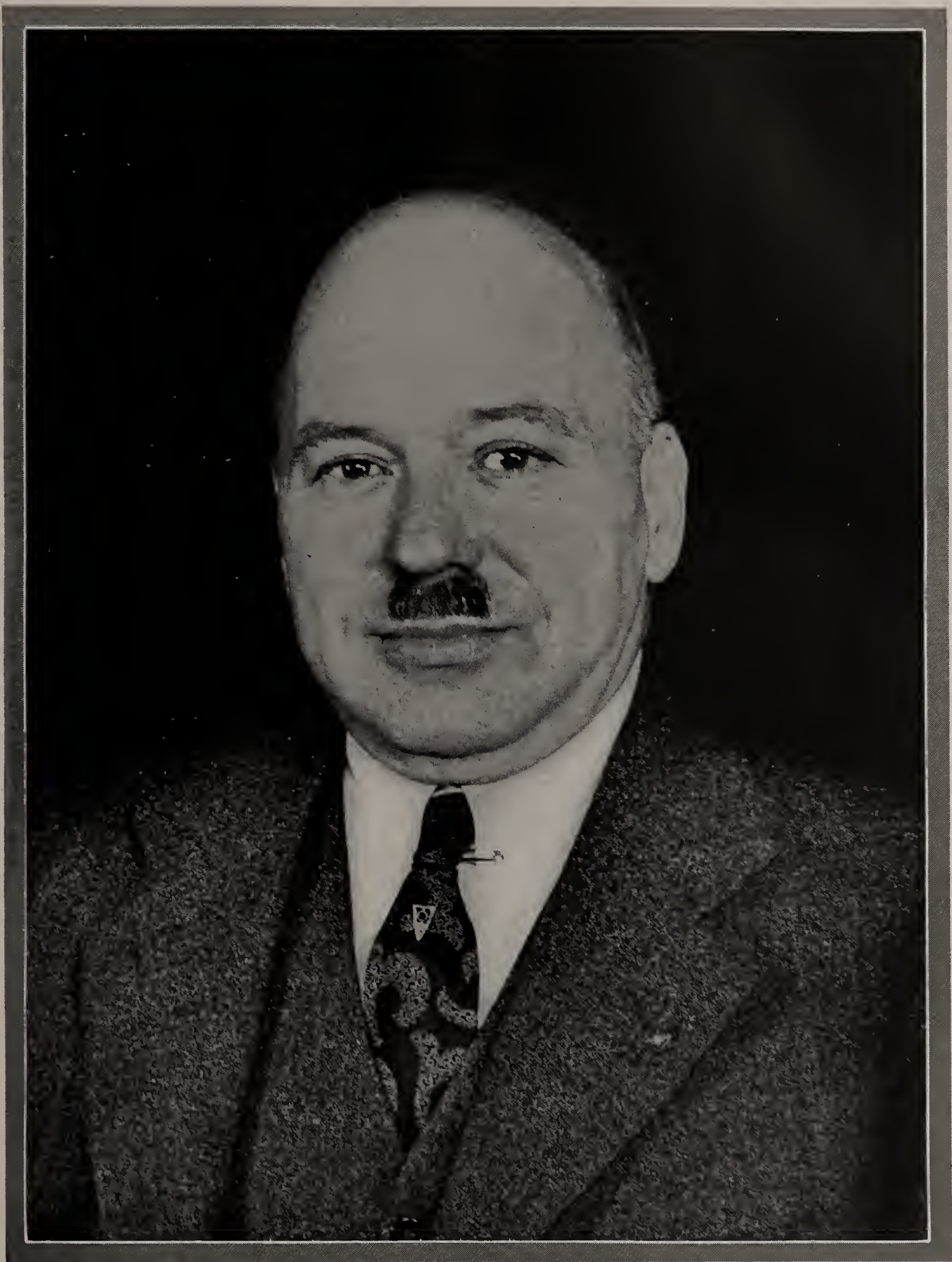
In 1922, John A. Cassidy was married to Sarah A. Kearney, of Fishkill, daughter of James H. and Sarah (Hanningan) Kearney, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Loretta M., who was born on December 1, 1923. She is a graduate of the local high school, and is now a student in commercial subjects at the Foughkeepsie Business School. 2. John A., Jr., who was born on March 21, 1927, is a student in the local schools. 3. Jane A., who was born on November 23, 1928, is also a student in the Beacon schools.

RALPH MARSH HALL, M. D.—Carrying on an extensive practice of medicine and surgery in Cold Spring, Dr. Ralph Marsh Hall does a great deal of valuable hospital work and concerns himself with the activities of a number of civic and social organizations.

Dr. Hall was born May 28, 1891, in the village of Rock City Falls, Saratoga County, New York, son of Rev. Charles L. Hall, D. D., and Nellie (Marsh) Hall, both natives of New York State, the father of Rensselaerville and the mother of Washington County.

Grammar schools in Burlington, Vermont, provided Dr. Ralph Marsh Hall's early formal education, and after attending high school at Cohoes, New York, he took special college preparatory work at Troy Conference Academy, in Poultney, Vermont. He then had a pre-medical course at Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York, and afterward was a student at Albany Medical College, where he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1915. Serving an internship at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, and at the Albany City Hospital, he was a lieutenant in the army medical corps during the First World War. After beginning his medical practice as a physician and surgeon at Broadalbin, in Fulton County, New York, he came in 1918 to Cold Spring, in Putnam County. Practicing but a brief period before entering the army, he returned to this place at the conclusion of hostilities, and here has remained down to the time of writing.

When the Second World War emergency arose, Dr. Hall became a member of the medical examining board



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set up in connection with operation of the Selective Service Act. He is school physician of the town of Philipstown, and is a past president of the Putnam County Medical Society. He also belongs to the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and alternates as chief of the surgical staff of Butterfield Hospital, Cold Spring, where he is also the Roentgenologist. He also serves on the surgical staff of Highland Hospital, Beacon, and is on the staff at St. Francis' Hospital, Poughkeepsie.

Among his other undertakings, Dr. Hall is chairman of the Putnam County procurement and assignment committee and chief of the County Emergency Medical Service. He is county director of the Emergency Red Cross Service. In 1944 he was elected president of the Cold Spring Lions Club. He also is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Phillipstown Lodge, No. 136, in Cold Spring; Highland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Newburgh; Hudson River Commandery of Knights Templar, Newburgh; and other branches. He is a Past Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. In spare time he is fond of outdoor life, particularly boating, and amateur photography is his favorite hobby. Dr. Hall is an active member of the Mid-Hudson Squadron of the United States Power Squadron.

In Richmondville, New York, November 10, 1915, Dr. Ralph Marsh Hall married Nellie Fox, a native of Richmondville, daughter of Smith and Etta (Mann) Fox. The following children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Hall: 1. Eleanor March, born in 1917 in Broadalbin, New York, attended the Haldane School, in Cold Spring, and Syracuse University; she became, in September, 1943, the wife of the Rev. Guy Brown, of Belleville, New Jersey. 2. Marion E., born in 1919 in Richmondville, New York, graduated from Haldane High School, in Cold Spring, then took her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Syracuse, and in 1944 was graduated from Yale University with the degree of Master of Nursing.

ELTON G. STORM—Interested for many years in a coal and supply firm which is one of the oldest businesses in the city of Beacon, Elton F. Storm took over management of the concern after the death of his father, Garrett Storm, in 1914. When the business was later incorporated, the title chosen was Garrett Storm, Inc., which perpetuated with the firm the name of the elder Storm, who had been in charge of its development between 1900 and 1914. Elton G. Storm, a native of Beacon, was well known in the city and district, and was a member of numerous local clubs and fraternal organizations. Though interested in civic affairs, especially in the development of educational and cultural facilities in the city of Beacon, he avoided entanglement in partisan disputes. His work as a businessman and as a civic

leader justly earned for him consideration as one of the outstanding men of the city.

Mr. Storm was born at Beacon on March 4, 1887, son of Garrett and Sarah (Anderson) Storm, both natives of Dutchess County. His father, who died in 1914, was the head of the coal and supply firm for a period of years following his purchase of it in 1900.

Growing up at Beacon, Elton G. attended the public schools here, receiving the customary preparatory education. He then became a student for two years at Union College. Continuing his residence in Beacon, he became associated with his father in the management of the coal and supply business.

The firm had been started by James T. Brett, member of one of the oldest families of southern Dutchess County, during the days before the Civil War. Its continuous development in the succeeding years culminated in the purchase of the business by Garrett Storm. Following his death in 1914, his son, Elton G., became the director of the concern. When the business was incorporated as Garrett Storm, Inc., Elton G. Storm was elected to the office of president, which he continued to hold for the rest of his life. A few years ago, fuel oil was added to the line of products offered by the firm.

Always interested in the development of the city of Beacon, Mr. Storm accepted the position of vice-president of the Howland Memorial Library. His social affiliations included membership in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Commandery of the Knights Templar; he was a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also maintained membership in the Southern Dutchess Country Club, and in other local organizations.

In 1913, Elton G. Storm was married to Anne M. Kelley, of New York, who died in 1942. They were communicants of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Storm served as a member of the board of trustees, and were active together in support of local social and civic enterprises. Mr. and Mrs. Storm were the parents of two children: 1. Garrett, who graduated from the local schools and from Syracuse University; he is now serving as a lieutenant in the United States Army. 2. Paul W., now a corporal in the United States Army. Mr. Storm died April 7, 1944.

EDMOND P. REDDER—Like his father and ancestors, Edmond P. Redder has been identified with the basic industry of the United States—agriculture. While a specialist rather than one engaged in general farming, he cultivates the estate that was his father's and has improved greatly its production and products. To many he is a dependable authority on dairying and fruit culture, exceptionally well-informed on the New York City market.

He was born at Tivoli, town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, January 30, 1886, son of Henry and Hannah (Lasher) Redder, both natives of Red Hook and both now deceased, his mother passing away in July, 1891. His father, a substantial farmer and citizen of this district, died in July, 1914. The Redder family located in Dutchess County in the early 1800s. Edmond P. Redder obtained his schooling in the public schools of his birth town and has pursued agricultural and horticultural activities throughout his mature years. His one hundred and six-acre farm is principally devoted to dairying and fruit growing, and he has the agency for the International Harvester Company in selling farm machinery.

Edmond P. Redder takes a constructive and active interest in civic, financial, educational and fraternal affairs. He is a director of the First National Bank of Red Hook, of the Red Hook Farmers Coöperative, and of the Red Hook Town Insurance Company; was formerly justice of the peace and a trustee of the Red Hook School. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, and is Past Master of Monumental Lodge, No. 374, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

On November 17, 1907, Edmond P. Redder married Rosa H. Herrick, a native of Dutchess County, daughter of Hunter S. and Elizabeth (Pells) Herrick. The Herrick family is also an old established one, having come to this country before Revolutionary times. Mrs. Redder was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and she is keenly interested in church affairs, being a member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Upper Red Hook. Mr. and Mrs. Redder are the parents of two sons: 1. Edmond P., Jr., born August 19, 1915, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He is a cost accountant with Remington Arms, Bridgeport, Connecticut. He married Dorothy Klose, and they have a daughter, Joanne Fredericka. 2. Henry H., born April 25, 1920, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, as an industrial engineer, and received a commission in the United States Naval Reserve. He is now a lieutenant, j. g., serving in France, on ship salvage work.

LEWIS A. WILSON—In agricultural and business life Lewis A. Wilson has made a notable contribution to Dutchess County people and institutions. He was engaged in the trucking business in Fishkill, this county, until 1944.

Mr. Wilson was born March 28, 1887, in Dutchess County, New York, son of Charles W. and Mary E. (Robinson) Wilson. His father, a native of Westchester County, was for many years engaged in the hotel business and in farming endeavors until his death in 1930. The mother came from East Fishkill.

Public schools provided Lewis A. Wilson's early formal education, and while still very young he became active in farming. Continuing along those lines for a number of years, he subsequently entered the trucking business, in which he continued until September, 1944. Centering his work in Fishkill, he served a wide area in Dutchess County and the surrounding district of New York State.

Along with his own trucking business and farming activities, Mr. Wilson has interested himself in the general affairs of his community and State. Since September, 1944, he has operated under his own name the confectionary store, established here eighteen years ago by Mr. Colwell. In different capacities he has served the village of Fishkill, where he succeeded Mr. Benjamin as mayor and has so served since 1941. During the World War period of 1917-18 he served on many boards and committees active in forwarding his country's cause. Mr. Wilson has been, for some years, a member of the Fishkill Village Board of Education, and in this connection has put into force a number of progressive movements. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

In 1921 Lewis A. Wilson married Ida L. Losee, of Dutchess County, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles L. Wilson, born in 1922, married Evelyn Newman; they reside in Alabama, and have one child, Constance Wilson. He is now serving in the United States Army overseas. 2. Franklin H. Wilson, born in 1924, now serving in the United States Army. 3. Frederick E. Wilson, twin of Franklin H., now also serving in the United States Army in the air corps. 4. Howard G. Wilson, born in 1933, a student.

STANTON R. TREMPER—A native of Rhinebeck, Stanton R. Tremper is now resident at Red Hook, where the main plant of his automobile sales, garage and repair business is located, but he also maintains a branch of the business in Rhinebeck. Mr. Tremper is a member of one of the oldest families of this district. He is well known here because of his efforts in building up his business, and also because of his membership in local social and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Tremper was born at Rhinebeck on August 24, 1898, son of Pascal and Grace (Ostrom) Tremper, both natives of Rhinebeck. His father is still living. Mr. Tremper as a boy was a student in the public schools at Rhinebeck. There he completed his studies, and gained the customary general education. Later, he was a graduate of Michigan State Automobile School.

His first business experience was with the Interstate Commerce Commission, for which he worked during two years. He then went into business for himself, in 1920, opening a Ford automobile agency at Pine Plains, New York. In 1926, he came to Red Hook. Reconstructing a building to suit his purposes, he created here one of the



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finest show rooms, garage, and repair plant assemblages to be found between Poughkeepsie and Albany. His branch establishment is located in his native village of Rhinebeck.

Mr. Tremper is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Red Hook. He is president of the Businessmen's Association at Red Hook, and a former member of the board of education of the Red Hook school. His social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1925, Stanton R. Tremper was married to Kathryn Stewart, of Rhinebeck, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Stanton R., Jr., born in 1928. 2. Kay Stewart, born in 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Tremper are communicants of the Dutch Reformed Church, of Rhinebeck, and have been active in community enterprises since they first became resident here.

PETER SIMMONS—A native of Tivoli, Peter Simmons has been located in many places during his career of work for the New York Central Railroad, but he returned to his native town in 1941, to succeed Charles Osterhoudt in the management of the Tivoli station of that line, and has continued in the position of station agent here to the present time. He was interested in public affairs of the village for several years, and served upon the board of trustees. Then in 1941 he was elected to the position of mayor of Tivoli, succeeding Mr. Ranky in this office. Re-elected to the post of the town's first executive in 1943, Mayor Simmons has been influential in bringing about improvements within the administration of the village's affairs.

Mr. Simmons was born at Tivoli on December 5, 1886, son of Alpheus and Elizabeth (Althiser) Simmons, both natives of Tivoli. His father was a farmer by trade, but was also engaged in the fishing industry. Peter grew up at Tivoli, attended the public schools of the village, and received there the customary general education.

He has been engaged in work for the New York Central Railroad during a period covering thirty-three years, first becoming employed by this company as a towerman and agent, and has during his association with it been located in several towns. After having acquired a diverse experience in the service of the railroad, Mr. Simmons returned to Tivoli in 1941.

Here he took over control of the duties of station agent at Tivoli. In this capacity, he continues his long connection with the New York Central Railroad. Soon after his return to the village, Mr. Simmons, who is well known throughout this district, was elected to the position of mayor. He is now serving his second term in this office, in which he has seized upon numerous opportunities to be of use to his fellow-citizens. Among his

other associations here, Mayor Simmons is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1909, Peter Simmons was married to Alice Melious, of Tivoli, and they are the parents of a daughter, Lillian Mae. She married William F. P. Volbrecht, and they have two children, Ronald W., and Edward P. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are communicants of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the village, and are active together in local social and civic enterprises.

GEORGE ERNEST DICKINSON, Jr., M. S., D. D. S.—In 1939, George Ernest Dickinson, Jr., M. S., D. D. S., initiated a general practice of dentistry in the county seat of Putnam County. This has grown to large proportions, due, no doubt, to natural gifts supplemented by extensive formal and technical education. At all times he has been coöperative in civic and other local affairs in Carmel, and is identified with State projects.

Dr. Dickinson was born at Brewster, Putnam County, New York, March 29, 1913, son of George Ernest, Sr., and Sarah Elizabeth (Blaney) Dickinson, his father being the head of the longest established business in Brewster in the field of plumbing and heating contracting. The son of this record attended the elementary schools of his birthplace, was graduated from Brewster High School, in 1930, and matriculated at Hobart College, Geneva, New York, where he received the degree Bachelor of Science with the class of 1934. He then went to Columbia University to earn his Master's degree in science, and remained in New York City to study his profession in the school of dentistry, Columbia University, of which he is a graduate Doctor of Dental Surgery.

While at Columbia he taught certain phases of dentistry and during 1939-40 was instructor of operative dentistry. As indicated, in 1939, Dr. Dickinson started a general practice of his profession in Carmel, county seat of Putnam County, where he has a reputation that extends beyond the bounds of this community. He is a member of several technical organizations; is president of the Putnam County Fish and Game Association; a councilman of the New York State Conservation Board. He also is a member of the Carmel Board of Education, of the Carmel-Mahopac Rotary Club, and his scholastic fraternity is Phi Phi Delta. As is evident, he is a lover of out-of-doors sports, especially hunting, trap-shooting, golf and the like. The foregoing list of connections reflects the breadth of his interests.

George Ernest Dickinson, Jr., D. D. S., married, at Croton Falls, July 6, 1939, Eleanor Elizabeth Mary Wilkoc, daughter of August and Anna Marie Wilkoc. Dr. and Mrs. Dickinson are the parents of three children, all born at Carmel: 1. George Ernest, 3d, born April 18, 1941. 2. Anne Marie, born September 18, 1942. 3. Jane Avery, born February 5, 1944.

HARRY M. BARRETT—For many years active in this region of New York State, Harry M. Barrett, of Lake Mahopac, is serving at the time of writing as county clerk of Putnam County, with headquarters at the courthouse in Carmel.

Mr. Barrett was born April 14, 1896, at Lake Mahopac, Putnam County, New York, son of the late George D. and Ida (Hill) Barrett. His father was a farmer at Mahopac Falls all his life.

Public schools of Mahopac Falls furnished Harry M. Barrett's early formal education, and he supplemented his formal studies with private reading and study at home, endeavoring to gain all the knowledge that he could from every source. At the age of fifteen years he went to work for the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, Connecticut, as a machine operator. Then he was a clerk for ten years in the store of D. Spain & Son, in Lake Mahopac. Appointed postmaster of Lake Mahopac, he served for twelve years in that capacity, from 1922 to 1934, under appointments of Presidents Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. In 1935 he was elected a supervisor of the town of Carmel, serving only a year until he resigned to accept the county clerk's post, to which he had been elected on the Republican ticket.

Still continuing as county clerk, at Carmel, Mr. Barrett is recognized as one of the leading Republicans of his district. He serves his community and district in many ways, being a leader in defense work in both the First and Second World wars. He was prominent especially in the Fourth War Loan drive, Second World War. He is a member of the New York State County Clerks' Association and of the Baptist Church and other organizations. Bowling and farming are among his favorite activities.

In 1917, in Mahopac Falls, New York, Harry M. Barrett married Ruth Davis, a native of Lake Mahopac, daughter of Walter and Jennie (Proper) Davis. They became the parents of a daughter, Harriet Barrett, who was born in 1918 in Mahopac and attended public schools of Lake Mahopac.

JOHN W. DAIN—Central Putnam County is one of the most naturally beautiful sections of Southeastern New York, a knowledge of which has attracted many new residents from the metropolitan area during the past quarter of a century. With the development of Mahopac and Carmel in this region, John W. Dain has been especially to the fore for a number of years. He not only is the head of several outstanding business concerns, but enters actively the organizations and groups—civic, war, educational and humanitarian—that work for the progress and the welfare of its citizens.

Born in Peekskill, Westchester County, New York, October 4, 1899, Mr. Dain is the son of the late Frank McLellan and Grace (Avery) Dain, the mother being a

native of Putnam County. The older man was born in nearby Peekskill, Westchester County, where he long was prominent as a merchant and former president of the Peekskill Savings Bank to his death in 1925. He likewise was vice-president of the Westchester County National Bank of Peekskill, and connected with public affairs.

The son of this account attended the schools of his birthplace; was graduated, in 1917, from the Oakside High School, Peekskill, and completed his formal education in Union College, Schenectady, New York, and Columbia University, New York City. He is a Bachelor of Arts of the latter-named institution, class of 1923, and while an undergraduate became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He followed sales work as a wholesale lumber salesman in the New York and New England district from 1924 to 1927, and in 1929 he removed to Mahopac, Putnam County. John W. Dain is president and treasurer of the Dain Supply Company, Inc., Lake Mahopac, dealers in building materials; president of Dain & Dill, Inc., of Carmel, the county seat; president of the Arnold-Dain Corporation, Mahopac; secretary and treasurer of N. Dain's Sons Company, of Peekskill.

The business acumen and experience of John W. Dain have constantly been drafted for public services, as is illustrated from the following roster of his connections: president of the board of education, Mahopac Central School District, No. 1; director of the Mahopac Emergency Hospital; chairman of the Putnam County War Finance Committee; treasurer, 1943, of the Putnam County War Fund; director of the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association; and he was one of the organizers and the first president of the Mahopac Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, at Brewster. A lover of sports and the out-of-doors, Mr. Dain is one of the charter members of the Mahopac Curling Club; a director and former secretary of the Mahopac Golf Club, member of the Gipsy Trail Club, of Carmel, and is an expert radio operator and amateur photographer. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and serves on the board of trustees.

At Shortsville, Ontario County, New York, on August 21, 1928, John W. Dain married Ruth Ellis, of this place, daughter of Willis C. and Martha (Hart) Ellis. Her father is a prominent lawyer of Ontario County, dean of the Ontario County Bar Association. Mrs. Dain is exceptionally prominent in social and civic circles of Putnam County, engaging in many community, county and State activities. She is treasurer of the Putnam County Health Association, former president of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club; a member of the Putnam County Rationing Board; also of the Red Cross Society, in active charge of the Mahopac Canteen. Mrs. Dain is a gradu-

ate of the New York College for Teachers, class of 1924, with the degree Bachelor of Arts. Her college sorority is Psi Gamma.

DR. WILLIAM POWERS KELLY, Jr.—Dr. William P. Kelly, Jr., was born at Attleboro, Vermont, March 26, 1901, son of Professor William P. Kelly and his wife, the former Margaret Lee, both of whom are living. The elder man is a retired educator who was formerly a superintendent of schools and the head master of the Rutgers Preparatory School, New Brunswick, New Jersey. William P. Kelly was educated mainly in private schools, including Rutgers Preparatory School, and pursued pre-medical studies at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated with the class of 1923. Matriculating at the Columbia Medical School, New York City, he received his degree, Doctor of Medicine, in 1926. He served six months internship, specializing in maternity cases, at the Los Angeles, California, Maternity Service; then for two and a half years he served a general internship at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, and in 1929-31 practiced medicine in Westwood, New Jersey. In 1932 Dr. Kelly came to Carmel, where he has since engaged in general practice, devoting some of his time to X-ray cases. He is a member of the staff of the Danbury (Connecticut) Hospital, the Butterfield Hospital, Cold Spring, New York, and the Mahopac (New York) Hospital.

Active as a citizen and allied with progressive movements and groups in Carmel, he has won recognition as one of the leaders in public affairs. He is a former president of the Carmel Rotary Club, and a member of the Carmel Country Club, where he finds his main recreation on the golf course. Along professional lines, Dr. Kelly is a member of the New York State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and of the Radiological Society of North America. He was president of the Putnam County Medical Society, during 1943-44.

In Brooklyn, New York, February 6, 1929, Dr. William Powers Kelly, Jr., married Ann Wall, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Alexander and Alice (McCarrick) Wall. Dr. and Mrs. Kelly, Jr., are the parents of two children: William Powers, III, born March 17, 1931, attending private school; and Alice Lee, born May 2, 1932.

THOMAS F. REYNOLDS, Jr.—As owner of the Hotel St. George, Nyack, Thomas F. Reynolds, Jr., conducts a hostelry which for three-quarters of a century has been widely known and popular in the Hudson River area. Serving the public continuously since 1865, this hotel has gone forward to new heights of distinction under the guidance of the present proprietor.

Mr. Reynolds was born April 25, 1910, in Hastings-on-the-Hudson, New York, son of Thomas F. and Blanche (Hollis) Reynolds. His father, a native of New York City and long a resident of Westchester County, served that county as its commissioner of public safety. Prior to becoming active in Westchester County politics, he was a glove manufacturer in New York City and an importer. He is now living retired from his active endeavors.

Public schools of Hastings, his birthplace, provided the early formal education of Thomas F. Reynolds, Jr., who later studied at the Irving School, a preparatory institution in Tarrytown, then at Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1933. Proceeding next to the law school of Fordham University, New York, he remained there through the academic year 1934-35. In 1935 he entered the advertising business in New York, so continuing until 1937, when he first turned his attention to the hotel trade. He became associated, in that year, with the Biltmore Hotel, New York, with which he remained until 1938, serving a highly valuable apprenticeship. It was in 1938 that Mr. Reynolds became proprietor of the Hotel St. George, in Nyack.

The Hotel St. George was first established in 1859, and since 1865 it has had its present name. In its earlier years stagecoaches used to draw up before its door and stop to receive and discharge passengers. Many famous people stopped here, and it became truly an historic landmark. In former times the place of the tavern in social life was a very different one from that which it has since assumed. Almost universally the colonists resorted to the taverns in their communities, or wherever they were sojourning, and the inn became a comfortable lounging room, which subsequently evolved into the parlor of our forebears. Old friends foregathered at such hostelrys as the St. George, or stopped and met over a good meal or the cheering glass. Now, greater and quicker travel facilities have brought more strangers together under the modern hotel roof, but their demand for excellence of cuisine, comfortable sleeping and warmth of atmosphere is none the less urgent. Where the hotel of the present day has permitted itself to slacken under conditions of modern commercialism, it has usually found itself slipping out of public favor. Under Mr. Reynolds, the St. George has retained the warmth of earlier times, while offering every advantage of newer conveniences and comforts. He is justly proud of the hotel's newly decorated rooms and its reputation for comfort and friendliness. Steaks and lobsters are specialties of the St. George cuisine, and not only do transient guests stop here, as is the case with so many hotels, but many residents of Nyack and vicinity make a point of having lunch or dinner here frequently because they enjoy the delicious food

and attentive service. To tourists the St. George is a veritable haven of rest. Sojourners of a night or those who come for a longer stay find an equally warm welcome.

Mr. Reynolds, in addition to his work as owner and head of the Hotel St. George, is active in the Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Nyack, both of which hold regular gatherings in his hotel, and he belongs to the Rockland Country Club and enjoys golf there or elsewhere. He serves as commissioner of parks of the village of Nyack, and has done much to help beautify and improve it. Formerly Mr. Reynolds was assistant manager for three seasons of the Maplewood Club in New Hampshire. While at Hastings-on-the-Hudson he was president and secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club of Westchester County. He also is, at the time of writing, vice-president of the New York Alumni Association of Georgetown University. He belongs to St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

Thomas F. Reynolds, Jr., married, in Larchmont, Westchester County, New York, in 1941, Edwina White, daughter of E. N. White, of that place. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Thomas F., 3d, born August 27, 1942, in Nyack. 2. Mary Elizabeth, born here September 8, 1943.

SAMUEL J. HICKMAN—Communities are frequently, and justly, evaluated by the quality and enterprise of their business men. Carmel, county seat of Putnam County, New York, fears nothing from judgment by these standards, and in evidence could place the Hickman department store and its proprietor, Samuel J. Hickman. A number of years ago this business executive took over an old enterprise and has since made it outstanding in the merchandising field in the Carmel section. At the same time he entered, constructively, movements and organizations that work for the better development of the community, and is one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Hickman is a native of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, son of William J. and Melvina (Barrett) Hickman, born August 13, 1897. His parents are both deceased. His father, a Dutchess County farmer, died when his son was only four years of age. Under difficulties the boy acquired a sound education in the public schools of Carmel, and was graduated from the Carmel High School with the class of 1916. Entering the employ of Samuel T. Barrett (of whom further), he learned merchandising from the ground up and eventually succeeded his employer in the ownership of Carmel's leading store.

The Hickman establishment on the shore of Lake Gleneida, is of almost ancient origin and history. In 1883 Denzil A. Webb came to Carmel from Westchester County, New York, and opened a general store. The

first building was a home erected by one Daniel Townsend some years before. Webb tried to carry nearly everything required by a small community, making his deliveries with a one-horse wagon. About the year 1896, Samuel T. Barrett came from Farmer's Mills, and revived the defunct trade of the place, and in 1904 acquired the property from Mrs. Abbie C. Townsend. In 1908 the store was destroyed by fire, but Mr. Barrett moved an old blacksmith shop to the property and began business all over again with some salvaged stock. Soon he had rebuilt and in the fall of 1912, Samuel J. Hickman, then a schoolboy, and his uncle, became identified with the store. In October, 1922, Mr. Barrett retired and the business was sold to Samuel J. Hickman. The whole property was purchased in 1927, since which time its owner has made many improvements, greatly expanded the services offered the public, and with its numerous departments, "Hickman's" is rated as "Carmel's Leading Store."

Active and prominent in public affairs, Samuel J. Hickman has filled several civic offices efficiently and well. He was a supervisor of the town of Carmel, during 1932-33; is chairman of the Putnam War Price and Rationing Board, of World War II. Mr. Hickman is likewise a director of the Reed Memorial Library; has been a fire commissioner for the past fifteen years, and is, or has been, a member of the Boy Scouts' Committee, the Red Cross Society, a charter member and past president of the Lake Mahopac-Carmel Rotary Club, and a director of the Mahopac Hospital. He worships at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, where he has served for fifteen years as superintendent of its Sunday school, and is a member of the board of trustees. To all religious and charitable projects and many organizations he gives liberal support.

On September 9, 1922, at Waterbury, Connecticut, Samuel J. Hickman married Bernice Mosgrove, a native of Connecticut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mosgrove. Mr. and Mrs. Hickman are the parents of two children: 1. Clarice, born at Carmel, December 30, 1925, now attending Russell Sage School, at Troy, New York. 2. Samuel Barrett, born at Carmel, October 3, 1929.

LOUIS NEUSTADT—Like many successful businessmen, Louis Neustadt achieved a career by indirect routes. Soon after graduating from Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, he became a licensed pharmacist and entered into business. In recent years he located in Nyack, Rockland County, where a large clientele profits greatly both from his expert service and his extraordinary knowledge of pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Neustadt was born at Odessa, on the Black Sea, Russia, December 7, 1897, son of Morris and Sophie (Fratkin) Neustadt. Morris Neustadt, who died on



Samuel J. Hickman



February 13, 1921, migrated to the United States in the early years of the present century and became a merchant in Brooklyn, New York. In 1914 he became an American citizen and throughout his years was keenly and constructively interested in the life and affairs of his adopted country.

Louis Neustadt began his schooling in Brooklyn and was graduated from Public School No. 43, and the Eastern District High School, Brooklyn. Deciding to become a physician, he pursued pre-medical studies at Columbia University, New York City. Due to circumstances at home he entered the school of pharmacy. He passed the examinations of the New York State Board with exceptionally high grades and was made a licensed pharmacist. He built a drug store in Brooklyn, which he operated for about eleven years. In 1935, he came to Nyack and had his first drug store at No. 233 Main Street. Since 1940, his fine establishment has been at No. 95½ Main Street. He has won the confidence and trade of a large number of people and is highly regarded as a progressive citizen of the community who is always ready to promote its best interests. Mr. Neustadt is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and the New York State Pharmaceutical Association. Like many professional men he finds recreation in the skillful use of his hands and is an expert cabinetmaker.

At Brooklyn, New York, in June, 1924, Louis Neustadt married Fay Poster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Poster, and they are the parents of two children, both born in Brooklyn: 1. Eleanor, born in 1926, a graduate of Nyack High School, who is studying at Russell Sage College. 2. Barbara, attending Nyack High School.

CLARENCE R. BURNS—As owner and operator of the Burns Hardware & Paint Company, in Nyack, Clarence R. Burns occupies a position of leadership and distinction in the business life of this community.

Mr. Burns was born March 17, 1900, at Pinney's Corners, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of James J. and Minnie E. (Wright) Burns. His father was a farmer at Pinney's Corners until his death in 1917. His remains were interred at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Public schools of Edinboro, Pennsylvania, provided Clarence R. Burns's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school there. He started his career as a clerk in a hardware store in Edinboro while still attending school, and during the First World War he was connected with the General Electric Company, in Erie. For a time he was with the Davidson Hardware Company, of Beaver Falls, as a clerk. Coming to Nyack in 1920 to attend Missionary Training Institute, he was employed part time with the firm of Joy & Docherty, hardware merchants, as a clerk. From 1926 to 1928 he was associated with the Ideal Power Lawn Mower

Company's New York branch as a salesman. Then, from 1928 to 1930, he was with the Simmons Hardware Company, of Philadelphia, as a sales representative. When he withdrew from that organization, he retired from active business life for a time and devoted himself to travel through Sweden, Denmark and Germany. Upon returning to the United States, he came once more to Nyack in 1932 and associated himself with William L. Joy. When Mr. Joy died, in April, 1937, Mr. Burns purchased the present business, becoming owner of the Burns Hardware & Paint Company in September of that year.

This company, formerly known as the Garner Hardware Store, deals in home furnishings, gifts, du Pont paint and builders' hardware. Its history dates back to 1865, when it was founded by John H. Blauvelt. It was known then as Blauvelt's Hardware Store, and was also referred to as "No. 45," Nyack. This community then had no such modern conveniences as house numbers, but Mr. Blauvelt, the founder, conceived the idea that a number would be a business asset. After he had opened his place of business, in Main Street, below Broadway, next to what is now the Mazeppa Engine Company's firehouse (where a butcher shop then stood), Mr. Blauvelt began casting about to estimate what number he should give his store. Walking up Main Street from the river, he counted the buildings and judged the distances between them, and so concluded that his store's number should be "45." Signs on business houses were then customarily symbolical of the businesses that they advertised, and so Mr. Blauvelt had a sign made in the shape of a large lock, and on the lock put the number "45," which he hung in front of his store. In 1870 Mr. Blauvelt moved his business to Broadway, next to what is now Shea's drug store. He took the sign with him; and, since Nyack still had no street numbers, the new store became No. 45 Broadway. This number became familiar in the community with relation to this store, and whenever any purchasers wished to buy nails and a hammer, they spoke simply of going to "No. 45" rather than of going to Blauvelt's. Upstairs, over No. 45 Broadway, the newspaper "City and Country" was published. Just down the street, on the site of the present Broadway Theater, the "Wigwam" had its headquarters. There Horace Greeley spoke in the campaign of 1868, two years before the removal of the store to Broadway. E. E. Blauvelt, of Hart Place, Nyack, the founder's son, recalls climbing trees outside the "Wigwam" to watch minstrels inside. Howard Garner, member of the Rockland County Board of Supervisors, after his marriage to Eva Blauvelt, Mr. Blauvelt's daughter, became associated in business with his father-in-law, whereupon the firm name became Blauvelt & Garner. Subsequently it became Garner's Hardware Store. In 1916, after he had been in business for thirty-two years, Mr. Garner

sold the business to Raymond D. Gurnee, mayor of South Nyack, who in turn sold it to William L. Joy and A. H. Docherty. They moved the store from Broadway to No. 116 Main Street, where it is still housed. Some years ago Mr. Joy and Mr. Docherty dissolved their partnership, Mr. Joy continuing with the business. After the death of Mr. Joy, who was president of the Nyack Board of Education, in the spring of 1937, Mrs. Joy continued the business.

Mr. Burns, the present owner, worked for Mr. Joy and Mr. Docherty up to 1926, then went on the road as a sales representative for the Winchester Company, afterward associating himself with the Simmons Hardware Company. When the partnership was dissolved, he was once more employed by Mr. Joy, so continuing, as already noted, until Mr. Joy's death, in 1937. In addition to his present work as head of the Burns Hardware & Paint Company, he is active in community affairs, notably the Nyack Rotary Club. He is a member of the Methodist Church. His favorite hobbies are clocks and amateur photography.

Clarence R. Burns married, July 3, 1930, in Nyack, New York, Elsie Swanson, daughter of John and Lotta (Anderson) Swanson. Mrs. Burns, who was a teacher before her marriage, graduated from Nyack High School and attended New York University and Teachers College at Columbia University. She is now associated in the business with her husband, having charge of the gift department. Their trade extends beyond the confines of the city and county.

GROVER BUELL SANFORD—In Pearl River, Rockland County, "Sanford's Pharmacy" is a landmark and a monument to the enterprise of Grover Buell Sanford. More than three decades ago he prepared himself carefully for the vocation he had chosen, and after a varied experience established himself in Pearl River as a druggist. Since that time he has won an enviable reputation as business man, civic leader, and prominent figure in local affairs.

Born at Dunraven, Delaware County, New York, April 29, 1889, he was a son of Elder R. W. and Mary D. (Hunt) Sanford, who are now deceased and lie buried at the old family homestead which has been in the hands of the family since 1819. On this old farm the father lived for the most of his lifetime, a good citizen and elder in the Old School Baptist Church. His son of this record, was reared on the home place and attended local schools and was graduated from Margarettsville High School. From 1908 to 1911 Grover Buell Sanford was employed by Samuel Armstrong, druggist of Warwick, while in the meanwhile, he pursued studies at the Albany School of Pharmacy, from which he received a diploma in 1911. For a short time immediately thereafter he worked in the Weir Pharmacy in Utica, and

from December, 1911, to October, 1913, was with the Scott Pharmacy, in Goshen, New York, as manager.

In October, 1913, Mr. Sanford came to Pearl River to go in business for himself and purchased the Palmer Drug Company, then located on West Central Avenue. Ten years later he erected the present fine building on East Central Avenue, opening for trade on January 1, 1924. Stock and equipment were of the most modern then and have been kept abreast of the times for the past twenty years. Since 1931, Michael P. Yuda has been a partner.

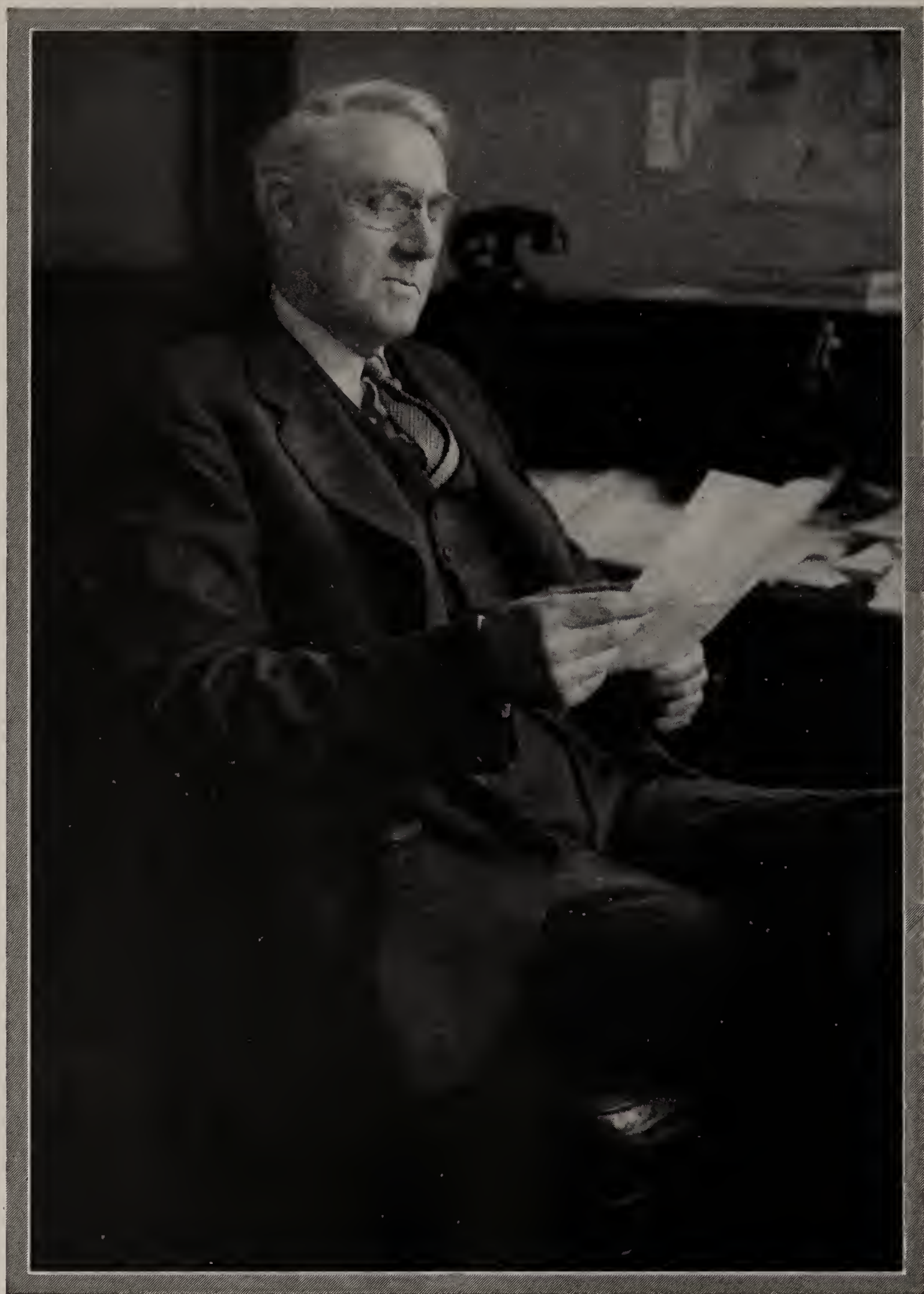
Mr. Sanford is a member of the New York Pharmaceutical Association; belongs to the reserve membership of the Pearl River Hook and Ladder Company; and fraternally is affiliated with the Naurashank Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, being a charter member and a Past Master of the lodge. He was one of the organizers of the Pearl River Rotary Club, its first president and served as such to April, 1937; and he is a former president of the local board of trade. During the First World War, Mr. Sanford served with the New York State Guard, 22d Regiment, and is engaging in several features of civilian service during the present global war. Hunting, golf and bowling are his recreative sports. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On October 21, 1914, at Florida, New York, Grover Buell Sanford married Helen Poppino, who died April 15, 1919, and is buried at Goshen. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Poppino, both now deceased. Mr. Sanford married (second), April 27, 1921, at Dunraven, New York, Louise M. Meyers, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyers, of Pearl River. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford are the parents of a son, James B., born at Pearl River, February 15, 1925. After attending the grade schools and Pearl River High School, he entered the United States Army on May 20, 1943. He transferred to the aviation corps, September 3, 1943, and is now stationed at Miama Beach, Florida. Mrs. Louise M. Sanford takes an active part in civic affairs. She is a member of the Pearl River Women's Club, of Gloria Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

JERRY Y. CARNEGIE—For many years active in banking affairs in Pearl River, Jerry Y. Carnegie is president of the State Bank of Pearl River.

Mr. Carnegie was born September 21, 1897, in Nashville, Tennessee, son of the late Cornelius Jackson and Dolly Fidela (Stoll) Carnegie. His father was born in Indiana, and was for many years a sales executive in a steel corporation until his death in 1918. The mother was born also in Indiana, and now lives in Pennsylvania.

Public schools of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, provided Jerry Y. Carnegie's early formal education, and he was graduated, in 1916, from Donora High School, in that city.



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He then studied at Princeton University until he enlisted in the army for service in the First World War in January, 1918, becoming a flying cadet. After the close of hostilities he flew to Europe, and was active in aviation as a member of the Ancient and Secret Order of Quiet Birdmen. After the war he came to Rockland County and in 1924 purchased what was then known as the "Union Hotel," in New City, Rockland County, at that time about one hundred years old and doing a general hostelry business. Mr. Carnegie renamed it "Jerry's Tavern," and the tavern has become justly famous for its excellent quality of food. In 1929 he became connected with the State Bank of Pearl River as a director. In 1938 he was made vice-president of the bank, and in October, 1942, he became president, so continuing down to the time of writing.

Active also in civic affairs in Rockland County, Mr. Carnegie has participated in a number of local bond drives for the Second World War. He is a member of the Pearl River Rotary Club and the Mountain View Country Club of New City. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, of Haverstraw, and he is also a member of Haverstraw Lodge, No. 877, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church of New City. In spare time he enjoys golf, bowling, boxing and flying.

Jerry Y. Carnegie married, April 25, 1924, in West Nyack, New York, Elizabeth Weimer, a native of New City, daughter of George and Elizabeth Weimer.

HOWARD N. ALLEN—Howard N. Allen is a direct descendant of George Allen, who came from Weymouth, England, and settled in Weymouth, Massachusetts, in 1635. The family finally went to Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where they stayed for several generations, after which Ephraim Allen came to North Quaker Hill, Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, in 1740.

Howard N. Allen was born February 21, 1873, in Pawling, New York, son of Gideon and Caroline (Haynes) Allen. His father before him was engaged in farming operations in this town until his death June 6, 1889. The mother, also a native of Pawling, died March 10, 1928.

Mr. Allen attended public and private schools, and early turned his attention to those affairs that had occupied his father and grandfather. He inherited several farms from his father, Gideon Allen, who, in turn, inherited them from his father Horatio N. Allen. These farms were located at North Quaker Hill. After being engaged in farming for forty years, he retired, selling two of his farms, but retaining the old homestead which he remodeled and now occupies. In addition to operating his farm properties, Howard N. Allen has been active in community affairs. He is first vice-president of the

Pawling Savings Bank and a director of the National Bank of Pawling. He has served as president of the village of Pawling. For six years he was town supervisor, and is at the present time of writing, dean of the Republican party in the State Assembly at Albany.

On December 31, 1944, he is retiring, having served continuously since 1922, being repeatedly elected by his constituents. At the last election he was unopposed, receiving the support of both parties. He has been chairman of the agricultural committee eight years, ranking member of ways and means, a member of public relief and welfare, and rules committees. He was appointed on several special committees, the most important was the Joint Legislative Milk Investigating Committee, of which he was vice-chairman. He was instrumental in placing on the statute books much important legislation of vital interest to the farmers in the State.

He was a charter member of the local Grange, a director and for two years president of the Dutchess County Farm Bureau. He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and has served on many important boards and committees in his community. In the Methodist Church he is a member of the official board.

In 1902, Howard N. Allen married Ruth Ann Howard, of Dutchess County, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Caroline K., graduated from Vassar College and Washington University, Doctor of Philosophy degree. 2. Howard N., Jr., spent two years in Cornell University and graduated from the Brooklyn Law School, Bachelor of Laws degree, and passed the New York State bar examination. He volunteered and is now serving as a lieutenant in the United States Army.

HARRY GEORGE HADELER—Extensively engaged in the hardware business in Pearl River, Harry George Haderler is one of this community's leading business men and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Haderler was born July 15, 1901, at Rockaway Beach, Long Island, New York, son of the late George W. and Emma (Begemann) Haderler. His father, a native of Germany who came to the United States in boyhood, settled in Pearl River in 1905. Arriving here with his wife and two small sons, he bought property at Main Street and Central Avenue from Louis Hunt, after whom Hunt Avenue was named, and here opened a grocery and general store. Later he sold the grocery department to his brother, Fred Haderler, Harry Haderler's uncle, and Henry Bargman, who operated it as the Haderler Grocery Company. Fred Haderler continued the business after his partner's withdrawal. Meanwhile, George W. Haderler dealt in hardware, household furnishings and related items, including, as was the custom in such stores in that day, shoes. The old Haderler store boasted the traditional stove in the middle of the room, with the accompanying sandbox, now famed in homespun American

literature and lore. The "boys" often spent the evening around the stove, relating the anecdotes with which the poesy and lore of America are so filled. Pearl River had a population of about one thousand two hundred people in 1905, and the store sign over the Hadelers establishment advertised to these people "groceries, shoes, drugs, feed, crockery, lamps and sardines." It was one of the first stores to boast a telephone. The business people on Central Avenue and on Main Street in that day objected to have a proposed street car line in front of their doors, and no agreement was ever reached on the subject, with the result that Pearl River is still without street cars. Mr. Hadelers was the first person in his day to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of his store in Pearl River. In 1914 he helped found the First National Bank, serving on its first board of directors and as its president in the year 1932-33. Later he was chairman of the board until his passing, October 19, 1940.

The founder's son, Harry George Hadelers, attended public schools in Pearl River, continuing through the high school grades and being graduated in 1919. Completing his work here, he studied for a year at Stevens Preparatory School in 1919-20, then at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1924 as a Bachelor of Science. Turning his attention to business affairs, he joined forces with his late father, George W. Hadelers, in the hardware business in Pearl River. Here Harry George Hadelers has continued in business down to the time of writing, being a partner of George W. Hadelers, Jr., at the present time. This partnership was established December 23, 1940, after the father's death. The Hadelers store celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1930, advertising at that time a wide range of articles for general household use—house furnishings, hardware, painters' supplies, Venetian blinds, window shades and linoleums, along with many other products. On that occasion John H. Stertz, of Nyack, formerly of Nanuet, who had long sold shoes to the Hadelers store, said:

This is a wonderful store. I have enjoyed the freedom of the store during the years I have been coming here, and Mr. Hadelers and his son always expect me to check up on stock sizes and keep their lines complete, so that when I come here it is just like walking into my home.

In addition to his work with the Hadelers store, Harry G. Hadelers is president of the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Pearl River, and director of the Park Savings & Loan Association. He is a past president of the Pearl River Rotary Club and a Past Master of Naurashank Lodge, No. 939, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the First Lutheran Church of Pearl River. In spare time he enjoys golf and does some gardening.

On August 15, 1926, at Pearl River, New York, Harry George Hadelers married Marion P. Sheldon, a gradu-

ate of the class of 1925 at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and now a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Woman's Club of Pearl River and the local Red Cross organization. She was born in Pearl River, daughter of Samuel W. and Bessie (Stevens) Sheldon, of this place. Her father is president of the Park Savings & Loan Association, in Pearl River. Mr. and Mrs. Hadelers became the parents of three children: 1. Mary, born in July, 1927, at Pearl River, now attending high school. 2. Harriet, born in December, 1928. 3. Ann, born in May, 1932.

CORNELIUS HENRY KANE—Without considering it any special achievement, Cornelius Henry Kane has been a citizen of Piermont, Rockland County, for some eight decades. He knows intimately this community of unusual history and record, its booms and depressions, and has been so keenly interested in its annals that he might well be named its "outstanding historian." He has directed the affairs of his own business for fifty-seven years and has been a member of local organizations for forty years and more, and served as a founder and pioneer of civic and social groups. Born in the middle period of the Civil War, he looks forward to the successful end of the present global conflict with fortitude, confidence and patriotism.

Cornelius Henry Kane is a member of a long established Piermont, New York, family, born on October 1, 1863, the youngest of the eight children of Cornelius H. and Ellen Kane. There was an epidemic of cholera raging in Rockland and neighboring counties, from which his mother fled to her mother, Mary Lyons, on Oakland Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, and it was here that of all his parents' children he was the only one to come into the world outside of Piermont. His parents had come to this place from Ireland at an early age, in the 1850s.

The large family was soon reunited in Piermont and Cornelius H. Kane, the younger, attended a local three-room school, that is now a dwelling. Two of his classmates were the late Judge Andrew X. Fallon and Dr. Leitner. He also was a student in the private school of Michael Walsh, a brilliant Irish scholar, whose eccentricities frequently were written up in the New York City newspapers. His students met in a single, none too large room, which was cluttered up with their instructor's coffin, burial candles and tombstone, all prepared long before his passing. Mr. Kane also went to night school after he began making a livelihood.

With the ambition and spirit of his racial inheritance, Cornelius H. Kane was still a boy when he started to learn a trade. He entered the employ of the West Shore Railroad, while completing courses in drafting and designing at Cooper Union, New York City. Whether by choice or accident he engaged in railroad car heating, then somewhat primitive in type, and this beginning was



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decisive in his future. He worked in the shops of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and for five years he was with the Pennsylvania Railroad System. During this time he helped devise and install the first hot water method of heating in Pullman cars. The method used was elaborate but a real improvement, and became known as the H. B. Smith Company system, being the original suspended (under the car) hot water and self-feeding system for heating railway passenger cars.

At about this same period Mr. Kane became familiar with the whole heating problem under the late John Hyslop, one of the leading hot air furnace experts and manufacturers. Another adviser was R. H. Soule, general manager of the West Shore Railroad. With the blessings of them both, Cornelius H. Kane, in 1888, started in business for himself and before long had an important contract for the drainage and heating of the home of the late father of the treasurer of Rockland County, Gilbert H. Crawford. He also deposited a check for more than \$650 in the Nyack National Bank, which was quite an event in his career, and proved that he was on his way to becoming a "big" business man.

To quote from a newspaper article:

In 1890, Mr. Kane had one of his most important and interesting contracts. This was with the assistant chief engineer, J. W. Ferguson, of the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad to furnish and put in a water supply line from the reservoir on Piermont Avenue, under ground, and to and along property acquired by the paper company and thence 200 feet on the beach north of the pier on the bottom of the river and continuing along to the end of the pier. That reservoir mentioned no longer exists. On its site now stands the Piermont Fire House. . . . The pipe that he put in was incased in a double wooden box and was to supply water for the eighty foot high Brown hoist steam boilers which operated three two-ton buckets that moved the coal about. Mr. Kane recalls that over 100 cars of coal were loaded and shipped out daily from this great pile and it gave the village one of its booms. During the winter that this coal was removed zero weather was practically continuous and Mr. Kane was appointed as general foreman, with a number of men to help him keep the water pipes from freezing. For several days, he says, they had a locomotive near the beach and another at the pier with steam on continually. He adds that the Hudson was frozen solid and many sleds loaded with coal traveled across the ice to Irvington.

Some years afterwards, about 1900, the late M. R. Williams, president of the Piermont Paper Company, engaged Mr. Kane to take up this pipe and re-lay it from the mill dam at Haddock Hall to the ground where the present Gair Company warehouse is located. This was done to supply water to build the mill and provide future use of water.

It was shortly after the turn into the present century that Cornelius Henry Kane opened his present establishment. Mr. Kane's work throughout the fifty-five years

has extended far beyond his business for he has always been deeply interested in his community. In 1888 he was elected as a trustee of the village of Piermont and was a member of the board under which the present village charter was obtained in 1890. From 1892 to 1894 he was the village clerk. Mr. Kane adds that he was nominated for town clerk on the Democratic ticket in 1896 but "was defeated by a good friend, the late ex-Sheriff Gustave Gross."

In later years Mr. Kane was also chairman of the zoning board of Piermont, member and secretary-exempt of the Empire Engine Company of Piermont firemen of the Orangetown Engine Company, of Nyack, and for the past ten years sewer commissioner of Piermont. He has also been president of the Master Plumbers Association of Rockland County, and was a charter member of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club at Grand View. He has seen a great deal of life, and is not dismayed by that of 1944 when again much of the world is at war. As he looks over the past he has few regrets; as regards the future he expects it to be good. Certainly it is one of the most remarkable periods in American history during which he has labored and achieved. He is a lifelong member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Piermont, New York, and has been active in church work, and societies, particularly the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

On September 25, 1890, Cornelius Henry Kane married Elizabeth Burke, of Nyack, Rockland County, New York, and they were the parents of five children: Arthur Cornelius, Marie Ann, Mary Elizabeth, Helen Elizabeth, and Loretta Kane. The first three died in early life; Loretta passed away in November, 1941. The sole surviving child is Helen Elizabeth Kane, of Piermont, New York. Mrs. Kane died in the year 1901.

HOWARD BRYANT HUMISTON—It would be difficult to tell the story of the career of Howard Bryant Humiston, late of Kerhonkson, New York, without relating also something of his vocation, for as a young man he became a funeral director and rose to be outstanding in Ulster County. His business, now carried out on an even larger scope by his widow, made him widely known in this part of Southeastern New York State. He likewise was well known for his fraternal affiliations, for his civic activities and his generous support of religious and charitable projects.

Mr. Humiston was born at Napanoch, Ulster County, New York, February 12, 1881, son of Hobart and Sarah S. (Bryant) Humiston, both natives of New York State, his father being born in Delaware County. Howard Bryant Humiston started in the undertaking business at Kerhonkson, Ulster County, in 1908, and so continued until his passing in 1940. In 1935, he opened a branch at Ellenville, New York, in the Richards Building, later

purchasing the concern of Mr. Ostrander, who had an establishment in Ellenville over a long period. In 1942, Mrs. Humiston, now in charge, secured a larger and more commodious funeral headquarters on Canal Street, in this town, which in its remodeled and reëquipped form is the finest funeral home in this section of Ulster County.

One of the several records compiled by Howard Bryant Humiston was that of serving longer than any other man in the office of coroner of Ulster County—twenty-one years. He was unusually prominent in local life and numerous organizations. A fraternal leader, he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was a Patron of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and figured popularly in the Masonic Club. Mr. Humiston belonged to the Noon-Day Club of Ellenville, the Shawangunk Club and the Rondout Valley Club. He attended the Reformed Church.

In 1904, Howard Bryant Humiston married Margaret Heinzman of New York State, daughter of John and Cornelia (Rebhan) Heinzman, and they were the parents of two daughters: 1. Marian, who is married to Fred B. Tator, and the mother of a son, Paul F. 2. Mabel, married Arthur C. Chipp, and they have two children: Margaret Jean and Howard Deyo Chipp. Mr. Humiston passed away in 1940. Mrs. Humiston is active in civic and fraternal affairs of Kerhonkson. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a Patron of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, an executive of the American Red Cross Society, and a member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

W. BOYNTON TOWNER—A tradition of constructive citizenship and public service makes up a feature of the history of the Towner family, especially in Putnam County. W. Boynton Towner has added new lustre to the name he bears in Brewster, this county, of which place he is a native, but whose former business activities made him well acquainted with all sections of the United States.

Mr. Towner was born in Brewster, New York, June 2, 1893, son of John W. and Emily (Banks) Towner; his mother dying in 1923. His father, a native of Towners, Putnam County, which place was named for his family, was, like his father and grandfather, interested in agriculture and prominent in civic affairs. Ancestral lines trace back to the seventeenth century. John W. Towner was exceptionally well known in Putnam County. A strong Republican in his political faith, he did much constructive work in his party. For thirty years he was clerk of the board of supervisors of Putnam County, and was to the fore in progressive movements and organizations.

W. Boynton Towner attended local schools, was graduated from the Brewster High School, class of 1911, and went to the Eastman Business College, New York City, where he received his diploma in 1912. From 1914 to 1917, he was associated with his father in the office of the board of supervisors, Putnam County. When the United States entered World War I, Mr. Towner had already been a member of the New York State National Guard, joining in April, 1917, the 9th Regiment, whose armory was at 145th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City. When this regiment was mustered into the National Armed Forces, he continued on with his unit (July, 1917), and as a sergeant remained with the 9th Regiment until April, 1918. He then transferred to the United States Army Air Corps, stationed at Field 2, Garden City, Long Island, and while there was assigned to the Intelligence Bureau of the Army. He received his honorable discharge from the service, April 1, 1919.

Upon reësuming civilian activities, W. Boynton Towner joined the Carter Medicine Company, and from 1920 to 1931 was their representative and sales manager in all parts of the United States. He accumulated a wealth of knowledge of our country and experience in business. Like many another native of Putnam County, he returned ultimately to his home town, and was identified with various Brewster enterprises to 1934. In that year he was appointed clerk of the village of Brewster, an office to which he has been continuously reappointed since. From 1936 down to the present, Mr. Towner has been clerk of the Supreme Court and the Putnam County Court. He is a charter member and a former commander of Argonne Post, No. 71, of the American Legion at Brewster. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a generous supporter of religious and humanitarian works.

IRVING TRAVIS MERRICK—One of the finest farms in Putnam County is that of Irving Travis Merrick at Dykemans. It is large and diversified, brought to a high state of cultivation, and is eminently useful in production in these times of global war. Mr. Merrick while a skilled and efficient agriculturalist, would least of all claim that he is chiefly responsible for the development of the Merrick estate, although he has been its owner and operator for a number of years. Rather does he give credit to two preceding generations of his family who lived and labored upon the place.

The first Merrick of this branch of the family in Putnam County was one James Merrick, who married and brought his wife to this section of Southeastern New York shortly after the end of the Civil War. He acquired some land at Dykemans and became the father of a large family: Elizabeth, Carrie, Charles, George, of whom further, Louise, and Henrietta, all of whom are

now deceased; and one surviving daughter, Winifred. The first of the Merrick family, James M. Merrick, carved from field and forest some of the acres that his grandson, Irving T., now cultivates.

Of the second generation was George W. Merrick, born December 8, 1870, who married, on June 14, 1899, Sadie Travis, of Yorktown, New York. She was the daughter of a Westchester County farmer, and proved an able help-mate of her Putnam County husband. George W. Merrick devoted himself to the development of the Merrick place, added some to its size and greatly to its productiveness. In keeping with his time, he changed his agricultural program, in a measure, from the growing of staple crops to dairying, an example his son Irving T., of this record has followed. The elder Mr. Merrick was a conscientious citizen, a trustee of the village school and of the Baptist Church where the family worshipped. His death March 7, 1937, was sincerely mourned by a host of friends and former associates. At the time of his death there were two sons, Richard H. and Irving T., and a daughter, Mrs. Violet Salmon, of Dykemans.

Irving Travis Merrick, son of the above, was born at Dykemans, New York, August 6, 1913, and attended the fine old District School No. 5, which has been the starting point of many a noteworthy career, and then was graduated from the Brewster High School. He became associated with an aging father in the management of the home farm, and upon the death of the older man inherited its broad acres. There are some four hundred of these, making up the area of one of the finest farms in this part of Putnam County. Irving Travis Merrick is essentially a dairy agriculturalist, although a wide variety of general and fruit crops are grown. His excellent herd of cattle numbers about a hundred. After the tradition of his elders he is civic-minded, serves his community without ostentation or ambition for public office, and is a popular figure not alone among men of his vocation, but in the ordinary contacts of life.

At White Plains, New York, March 22, 1940, Irving Travis Merrick married Sara Maccrina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Maccrina, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Wanda Louise, born October 22, 1941. 2. Judith Ann, born June 24, 1943.

FREMONT LESLIE LOVETT—From the Green Mountain country of Vermont the Rockland Light & Power Company, electric and gas utility corporation of Nyack, New York, obtained its general manager, vice-president and director, Fremont Leslie Lovett. He was born and acquired his formal and technical education in Vermont, and had years of experience as an electrical engineer prior to 1927 when he came to Nyack and began to direct the operations of a company which has interests in three contiguous states. He knows the utility industry in most of its phases and as an executive has been ex-

ceptionally successful in rendering to the public services of the most effective type.

Mr. Lovett was born at Warren, Vermont, September 19, 1889, son of John Allen and Ellen (Fuller) Lovett, both members of long established New England families. He grew up on his father's farm, near Warren, and attended local schools, being graduated from the grammar school at Essex Junction, Vermont, in 1905, and from the high school, at Northfield, Vermont, class of 1909. Matriculating at Norwich University, Norwich, Vermont, he was graduated a Bachelor of Science in engineering, from this fine school that since shortly after the War Between the States has specialized in engineering courses. To a large extent he worked his way through college, in 1913 being an employee of the Vermont Marble Company, and also of the State of Massachusetts. In 1914 he was with the Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts. From 1914 Mr. Lovett was an electrical engineer, associated with the Worcester Electric Light & Power Company, remaining for about six years. From 1920 to 1927, he was manager of the Montpelier and Barre Light & Power Company at Montpelier, Vermont, and during this same period from 1924 to 1927, was also manager and secretary of the Green Mountain Power Company, with headquarters in Montpelier.

In 1927 the Rockland Light & Power Company, of New York, was seeking all over the country for young but experienced executives. Its prospects were good, expansion was due and the thing most needed was capable leaders. Fremont Leslie Lovett was persuaded to join its staff, and since that year (1927) he has been vice-president, general manager and a director of this large corporation. He likewise holds similar posts with the Rockland Electric Company, the Pike County Light & Power Company (New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania), and since 1940 has been a director of the Brockton Gas Light Company, of Brockton, Massachusetts.

In line with the sound traditions of his ancestors, Mr. Lovett has made time for community activities and services. He is president of the Nyack Chamber of Commerce; vice-president and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association; president of the Rockland Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and fraternally is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, No. 22, of the Free and Accepted Masons, which he joined in Montpelier, Vermont. He is a member of the higher bodies of the order including the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. His college fraternity is Theta Chi, and he is a member of the Rockland Country Club, where he engages in his favorite recreation—golf. He attends the Universalist Church.

At Northfield, Vermont, June 10, 1914, Fremont Leslie Lovett married Mabel Iola Pillsbury, daughter of

Charles and Anna Pillsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Lovett are the parents of four children: Leslie Allen, Elton Mason, Dorris Iola and Wendell Herman Lovett.

EDGAR L. HOAG—One of the outstanding men active in the field of realty in Southeastern New York, Edgar L. Hoag has served many communities exceptionally well. During the past thirty-three years he has operated chiefly in Westchester, Dutchess and Putnam counties, although well known in other parts of the metropolitan area. A firm believer in the advantages of this section of New York, he has summered for a long period in Carmel, Pawling and Brewster, maintaining a summer home in the latter-named place in recent years. His winter residence is on Riverside Drive, New York City, and his business headquarters are located at No. 320 Fifth Avenue.

Mr. Hoag is a native of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, born in 1880, son of Elias Purdy and Ella (Lawrence) Hoag. His father was also born in Westchester County, in the town of New Castle, and in early years was interested in agriculture. Later he engaged in merchandising in Ossining.

Edgar L. Hoag began his education under private instruction and schools, and continued it at St. John's Military Academy, Ossining. It was some years before he became prominent in the real estate business, a vocation in which he was aided by a thorough and wide knowledge he acquired of the southern New York counties on the east side of the Hudson River, as a boy and youth. He is a trustee of the Putnam County Memorial Society and president of the board of founders of that organization.

At Yonkers, New York, Edgar L. Hoag married Bertha R. Strang, daughter of William B. and Florence (Rich) Strang.

CHRISTOPHER VASILIOV—Operating the firm of Vasiliow Brothers, manufacturing and wholesale confectioners, in Nyack, Christopher Vasiliow is recognized as one of this community's prominent business men. He makes his home in Upper Nyack.

Mr. Vasiliow was born December 25, 1890, in Sparta, Greece, son of Christopher and Maria (Sigalos) Vasiliow. His father was a wine and olive merchant in Sparta.

Christopher Vasiliow was still a young boy when he came with his family to New York City, there attending the public schools. In boyhood he worked for a year in a cotton mill at Lowell, Massachusetts, from which he returned to New York City and was engaged for a year as a soda dispenser. In association with his brother, the late Louis Vasiliow, he opened a confectionery store in Catskill. That store was afterward continued for fifteen years by Louis, Thomas, John and James Vasiliow, although Christopher Vasiliow left the organization shortly after it was formed. When the World's Fair

was being started at Jamestown, he went to that Virginia city and opened a hotel. It was in 1908 that he came to Nyack, here establishing his present business, which was then a retail firm, but to which, about 1911, he added a wholesale line. The firm now does an extensive wholesale and retail business in ice cream, confectionery and related products. Associated with Christopher Vasiliow in this work are his brothers, Thomas and John Vasiliow, with whom he operates the company under the firm name of Vasiliow Brothers.

They are, in addition to their other work, exclusive agents for Ballantine's ale and beer in Rockland County. Vasiliow Brothers are the oldest firm of the kind in Nyack to be continuously engaged in the same type of work over so many years. Christopher Vasiliow is a member of the Nyack Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is fond of outdoor life and healthful recreations, doing considerable traveling. He spends part of the winter season each year in Florida.

In New York City, November 30, 1922, Christopher Vasiliow married Bertha Schuk, a native of North Bergen, New Jersey, daughter of August Schuk. They live in Upper Nyack.

FRANK DENKER—From New York City, the village of Nyack, Rockland County, has drawn many of its commercial leaders and progressive citizens. In 1938 Frank Denker came from the American metropolis to establish the Nyack Pharmacy, one of the outstanding mercantile firms in the community. He had been in business in New York City since 1924, and it was with a background of wide experience that he gave the Nyack section the best services possible in his field of endeavor.

Mr. Denker is a native of New York City, born January 16, 1907, son of Asriel and Sarah (Brie) Denker, his father, now deceased, being a furrier by trade. His mother is a resident of New York City. Frank Denker attended New York City schools, was graduated from the Stuyvesant High School, and received a diploma from Fordham University, as a Graduate in Pharmacy, in 1928. After practicing his profession in the metropolis, wherein he acquired a broad experience in his profession and business, Mr. Denker removed to Nyack, in 1938, where he has since operated the Nyack Pharmacy, at No. 116 Main Street, a firm widely known and esteemed in the neighboring sections of Rockland County. In private life, he is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association. In his own quiet way, never seeking the limelight of public appreciation, he is constantly to the fore in the promotion of local progress and welfare. For recreation he is keenly interested in photography and makes numerous motion pictures of family and local events. Politically, he is an independent, voting for men and measures rather than party labels.



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In New York City, on November 11, 1934, Frank Denker married Jeanne Epstein, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Werner) Epstein. Mr. and Mrs. Denker are the parents of two sons: Stephen Paul, born in New York City, November 11, 1937; and Alan Samuel, born in Nyack, February 13, 1943.

JOHN HARRIS RIDER—As a building contractor, John Harris Rider has been associated with the development of the part of Dutchess County which centers around his native village of Red Hook, of which he is still resident. Working in stone or brick, he has erected many of the finer residences throughout this area. One of the best liked and most respected citizens of Red Hook, Mr. Rider has been connected with each of the projects here which have led to the improvement of the conditions of the town's citizens. Having long been interested in civic affairs, and having previously served on the board of trustees of the village, he was, in 1939, elected to the position of mayor of Red Hook. He was recently elected to continue in this office for the term beginning in 1943.

Mr. Rider was born at Red Hook on April 23, 1904, son of John Dudley and Jessie (Feller) Rider, both natives of Red Hook. His mother died in 1929. His father, a contractor, engaged in business here, died in 1929.

Mr. Rider grew up at Red Hook. He was enrolled in the public schools of the village, at which he completed his formal education. Then he became interested in the building trades in which his father worked, and began on the route which has taken him to his present position as a contractor. In this field he has continued during his adult career. Many of the finer homes on nearby properties and estates were constructed under his supervision.

Before he was elected mayor of Red Hook in 1939, to replace Henry Breuzel, Mr. Rider served as a trustee of the village. He was reelected to the office of mayor in 1943, and is currently serving his second term in this capacity. It has been his goal to reduce the bonded indebtedness of the town, and also to improve the roads and sewers.

Mr. Rider is a member of the Businessmen's Association, and of the Exchange Club. He has been a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1938, John Harris Rider was married to Helen Proper, of Red Hook. They are communicants of the Episcopal Church here, and are together active in civic affairs.

CHARLES ANDREW SILVEUS—In February, 1944, the press and people of Nyack, Rockland County, welcomed Charles Andrew Silveus as a noteworthy addition

to its professional group, upon the occasion of his opening law offices in the community. He is no novice in the practice of the law or business activities, having already achieved prominence in his fields of endeavor in New York City.

Born at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1897, Mr. Silveus is the son of George Byron and Anna (Lippincott) Silveus, both natives of Waynesburg. His father was a well-known general business man of the above-named city, influential in civic affairs, and served for eight years as president of the town council of Waynesburg. The older man never had the pleasure of witnessing the rise of his son in the world, for George Byron Silveus died on November 22, 1910.

After being graduated from the grammar and high schools of Waynesburg, Charles Andrew Silveus went on to studies at Waynesburg College; the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Columbia University, where he took his Bachelor of Science degree, and the New York Law School, of which he is a Bachelor of Laws. In 1922, he became an accountant with the accounting firm of Mattison & Davies, specializing in tax work. A year later he joined P. N. Miller & Company, of New York City; and in 1925, he went with S. D. Leidesdorf & Company, certified public accountants of the metropolis, specializing in bankruptcy investigations.

In 1926, after being admitted to the bar of the State of New York, Mr. Silveus entered service of the Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, as supervising accountant. This service carried him to practically every state in the Union, supervising investigations primarily covering violations of the Banking Laws, Bankruptcy Act, Sherman Anti-Trust Act and Postal Laws. In 1930 he became attorney in the legal department of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Company, of New York City, which was later merged with the Manufacturers Trust Company in 1932.

A decade ago, Mr. Silveus became associated as an attorney with the law firm of Greene and Hurd, in the general practice of law, specializing particularly in tax matters, trusts, estate and corporate law. Since 1940 he has been attorney for the trustees of Associated Gas & Electric Corporation, Debtor, a reorganization in bankruptcy of one of the largest public utility companies in the country. As mentioned, in 1944, he opened a law office in Nyack, New York, for the general practice of his profession.

On the day that our country declared its First World War against Germany, Mr. Silveus volunteered for service in the United States Army. Two weeks later he was honorably discharged from the armed forces because of a physical imperfection of the left arm. Like all good citizens he is devoting much of his time and energies to the successful conclusion of the present global war. The membership and official posts of Mr. Silveus indicate well

his varied interests. Along professional lines he belongs to several law associations and is one of the founders and charter members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. He also acted as the first chairman of the membership committee of this society, which has its headquarters in New York City. His college and technical fraternities include Delta Sigma Phi, being president of the local chapter at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania; and the Alpha Kappa Psi (business fraternity), of which he was president of the Beta Chapter, Columbia University. He belongs to the Rockland Country Club, at Sparkill, New York. His diversions comprise gardening and painting, golf, fishing and hunting. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, Mr. Silveus is now a member of the Grace Episcopal Church, Nyack, Rockland County. Mrs. Silveus, formerly affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, joined her husband in becoming members, in 1933, of Grace Episcopal Church, of Brooklyn Heights, New York, later transferring to the Nyack church.

On August 27, 1928, at San Antonio, Texas, Charles Andrew Silveus married Pauline Glass, daughter of Henry Monticue and Leila (Currey) Glass. Mr. and Mrs. Silveus are the parents of a daughter, Shirley, born June 3, 1929.

FRANK KUTZELMANN—Not the least of the achievements of Frank Kutzelmann of New York City and Tallmans, Rockland County, is a record of sixty years continuous connection with a single insurance company. He was able to compile this exceptional record not alone by the vigor of mind and body, but because of the very early age he entered the business as an office boy. Down through the years, good and bad, his knowledge and experience have grown, until he is one of the outstanding authorities in his field. From a minor position with Hamlin & Company, insurance brokers, of New York, he has risen to the offices of vice-president and a director of the company.

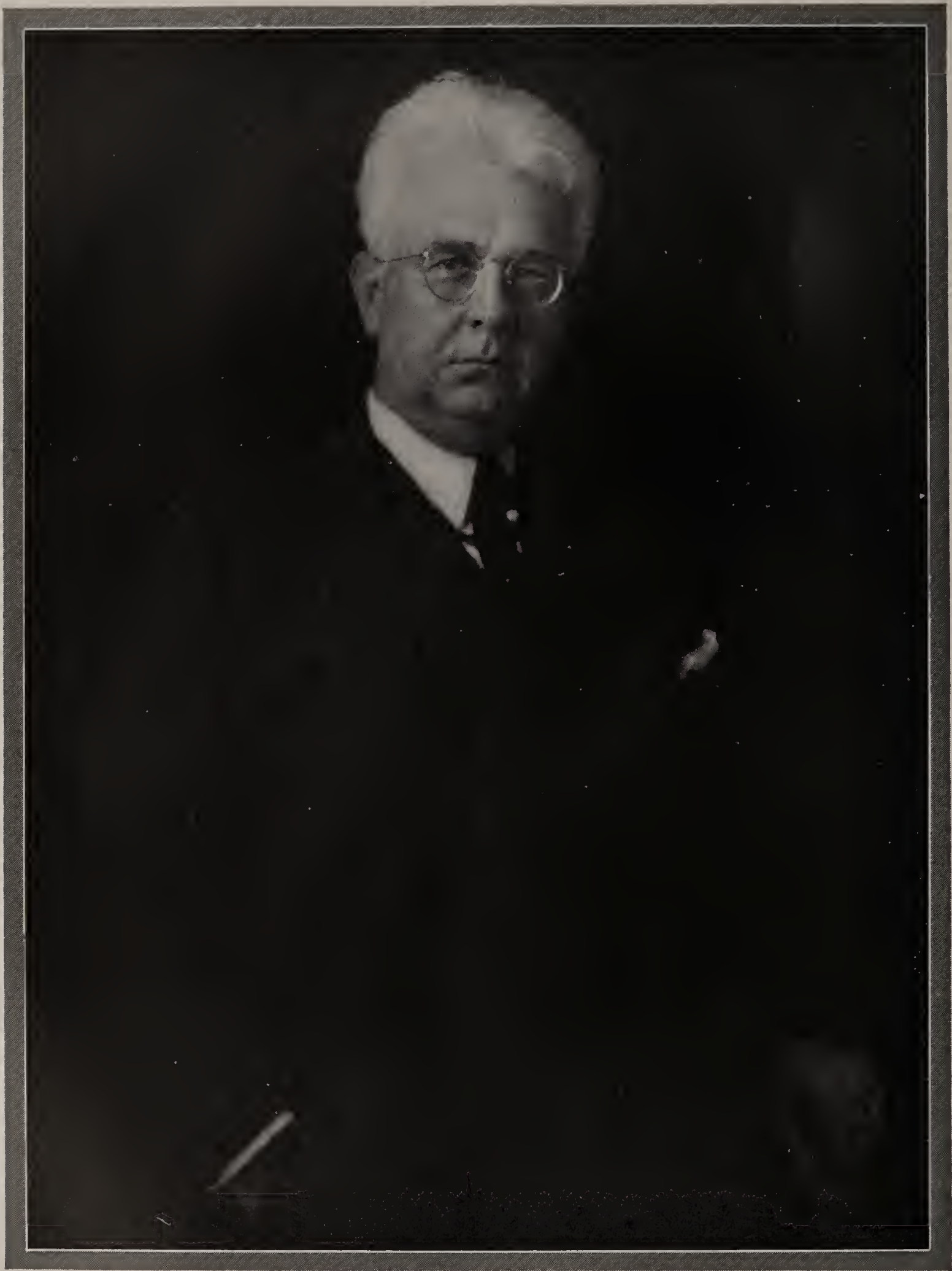
Mr. Kutzelmann was born in New York City, January 13, 1870, son of Lorenz and Anna (Horr) Kutzelmann, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in a Lutheran cemetery on Long Island. The father was a cigar manufacturer, and a veteran of New York State volunteer regiments of the War Between the States. Frank Kutzelmann left Public School No. 15, on Fifth Street, New York City, to begin making his own livelihood. At the age of fourteen years he secured employment as office boy with Hamlin & Company, insurance brokers, and was one of those fortunate men who early in life find the vocation in which they can be interested throughout their years and to which they can give their best endeavors.

As indicated, Mr. Kutzelmann is vice-president and a director of Hamlin & Company. A number of years ago he came to Rockland County, where he has since made his home and engaged in a number of local enterprises and activities. He is a director of the Suffern Amusement Company, and also of the Suffern Independent Company. Prominent in political party councils and organizations, he is vice-chairman of the Republican Town Committee, of the town of Ramapo. Mr. Kutzelmann acts as chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Tallmans Fire District, and is president of the Ramapo Valley Riding Club, horseback riding being a favorite recreation with him. His religious affiliations are with the First Church, Christian Science, Spring Valley.

At Jersey City, Frank Kutzelmann married Emma L. Johnson, who died February 16, 1935, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Johnson of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Kutzelmann were the parents of two daughters: 1. Ruth, born in Jersey City, New Jersey, educated in private schools, who married Mr. Hill, and is the mother of three children, all born in Paterson General Hospital: William Frank, Robert James, and Paul David. 2. Martha, educated in private schools and the School of the Holy Child, at Suffern; she married Frank Grey Clarke.

VANDERBILT WEBB—Vanderbilt Webb has practiced law in New York City since 1916. He has taken an active interest, too, in business and civic affairs, and at the time of writing is a trustee of The New York Trust Company, a vice-president and director of Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, a vice-president and trustee of Colonial Williamsburg, Incorporated, which operates the Rockefeller project of restoring to its original state the beautiful and historic town of Williamsburg, Virginia. He has been a member of the Taconic State Park Commission since 1925 and is also chairman of the board of trustees of the American University of Beirut, Syria, and of Groton School, Massachusetts, and a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and of The Frick Collection.

Mr. Webb was born April 23, 1891, in New York City, son of William Seward and Eliza Osgood (Vanderbilt) Webb. He attended Groton School, where he was graduated in 1909. In 1913 he received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, having studied from 1912 to 1913 at Balliol College, Oxford, England. In 1916 he received from Harvard University the Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the New York bar in that year, he was associated in 1916 and 1917 with the law firm of Root, Clark, Buckner, and Howland, and again after the war from 1919 to 1922. From 1922 to 1939 he was successively a member of the firms of Webb and Patterson; Webb, Patterson and Hadley; Murray Aldrich and Webb; Milbank, Tweed, Hope



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and Webb; and Curtis, Belknap and Webb. Since 1939 he has practiced law at 30 Rockefeller Center.

Between 1917 and 1919, during the World War of that period, Mr. Webb was in the Judge Advocate's Department of the United States Army, serving overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, first as a sergeant major and later as a captain with the 42d Division, the First Army Corps, and the First Army.

In politics Mr. Webb is a Democrat. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic society, the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Scroll and Key Society of Yale. He holds memberships also in the Century Club, the Knickerbocker Club, the Racquet and Tennis Club, the Rockefeller Lunch Club, the Yale Club and the Down Town Association. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Vanderbilt Webb married, September 11, 1912, Aileen Osborn. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Derick Vanderbilt. 2. William Osborn. 3. Barbara. 4. Alexander Stewart, who is now deceased. 5. Richard Humphrey. All three surviving sons are at the time of writing in the United States Army. The family residence is Garrison, New York. They also have a residence at No. 179 East 71st Street, New York, and operate a farm at Shelburne, Vermont.

JAMES ZABRISKIE—A half-century of merchandising in the same town and same store is no small achievement for a man sixty-five years of age, yet this is a large part of the story of the career of James Zabriskie of Nyack, New York. He entered the store as a general purpose boy doing anything required of him from seven in the morning to ten at night, for the princely weekly salary of two and a half dollars. The store location is the same as in 1893, but its appearance is vastly different, and there were changes of names over its doors prior to 1912 when it became the property and sole responsibility of James Zabriskie.

James Zabriskie was born in Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey, April 18, 1878, son of John E. and Amanda A. (Banta) Zabriskie, both natives of Paramus and members of some of the longest established families in Bergen County. A Captain James Zabriskie built at nearby North Hackensack, well prior to the American Revolution, the stone mansion of the famous Baron Steuben. John E. Zabriskie was a grocer in Paramus for many years and one of its beloved citizens.

Nyack, Rockland County, is not far from northern Bergen County, but it was quite an adventure when James Zabriskie as a boy of fifteen years sought and found work in the store of Smith & Quidor, on North Broadway, Nyack, founded in 1879. Later it became the C. Smith Quidor establishment, but how Mr. Zabriskie was able to accumulate enough capital to purchase all

the interests of the parties concerned in 1912, is a tale that needs to be told at length by the gentleman himself. Enough here to note that it was almost two decades from 1893, and over a long period it was almost no play and all work for the lad and young man.

Mr. Zabriskie has been no idle spectator of the parade of progress that has marked his fifty years in business. He changed his methods, stock and equipment with changing conditions, and can point with amusement to the fact that somehow in the cycle of human affairs, we now have come around to purchasing the same sort of things that he sold many years ago, "even the paper collar is in demand in this year of 1943."

Mr. Zabriskie has learned long since how to find time to play and knows how to enjoy life. He is president of the Skytop Club, at Skytop, Pennsylvania; and fraternally is affiliated with Rockland Lodge, No. 723, Free and Accepted Masons, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar; and is a life member of the Knights of Pythias, at Rockland. He is president and a director of the Nyack Savings & Loan Association. His favorite hobby is travel and the photographing of historic places; his collection along this line being reputed to be the best in Rockland County. Always public-spirited he has been active in most of the movements and organizations that have promoted the betterment of his community, and his liberality is proverbial, whether to people in need or to charitable and humanitarian groups. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith.

At Nyack, New York, on June 19, 1907, James Zabriskie married Ida Schupner, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Dippell) Schupner, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Elizabeth, born in Nyack in 1912, a graduate of the grade and high schools of Nyack, and Scudder's Secretary School, of New York City. She had the distinction of being an honor student in both high school and the secretarial school. She married Anthony J. Ciancimeo, a brother of the mayor of Nyack, and is the mother of one son, James Anthony. 2. Jean, born in Nyack, in 1918, a graduate of the grade and Nyack High School and of Cedarcrest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

EARLE H. HOUGHTALING—After some years experience as an attorney in New York City, Earle H. Houghtaling removed to Walden, where for the past thirty-four years he was engaged in the practice of the law. Honors came his way and during his life he was rated as one of the outstanding members of the legal fraternity in two counties—Orange and Ulster. He was a special judge, prominent in public life, and always gave a full share of his time and interest to the welfare of his community, all without permitting these to encroach upon

his work as a lawyer and duty to clients. Mr. Houghtaling departed this life, November 12, 1944, at his home, 78 Ulster Avenue, Walden, New York.

Mr. Houghtaling was born at Chester, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1880, son of Jeremiah H., a native of Port Ewen, Ulster County, New York, and his wife, the former Louisa Hannum, of Chester, Pennsylvania. Prepared for higher education in the public schools, E. H. Houghtaling entered Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he was graduated with the class of 1903, a Bachelor of Arts. Four years later he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the New York Law School. Admitted to the bar in that same year, 1907, he went with the New York City law firm, Shaley and Hasbrouck, remaining for three years. From then until 1912 he was associated with another firm at No. 30 Broad Street, New York City, retiring to Walden, Orange County, where he purchased the practice and the library of a local lawyer.

Although, as indicated, Mr. Houghtaling served as a special judge, it is doubtful that he ever had any but a normal attorney's ambition to become a jurist. His work was general in character; his clients many. His knowledge of the fundamentals of law was profound; he never ceased from being a student of his profession; but he likewise was a very human kind of man who would rather those he served settle their difficulties out of court, and he never forgot that the poor are always with us. The needy, the unfortunate, the underprivileged, found in him a friend who rendered aid without consideration of remuneration.

Mr. Houghtaling enjoyed the privileges of citizenship and equally well assumed the burdens and responsibilities these entail. While not politically-minded he filled several local offices and was trustee of the village of Walden for some years. During World War I, he led in Liberty Loan drives, and those undertaken for the support of the Red Cross and other humanitarian agencies; and was an exceptionally effective "4-minute speaker." A certificate from high governmental authorities attests to all this. He belonged to the Colony Club, and fraternally was affiliated with the Masonic Order, being a thirty-second degree Mason, and member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Incidental to his professional activities and mental characteristics had been the collecting of what is reputed to be the finest and most nearly complete law library in the Walkill Valley section of New York.

In 1914, Earle H. Houghtaling married Bessie M. Norris, who died May 30, 1940. They were the parents of two sons: 1. E. H., Jr., lawyer and a graduate of Rutgers College, with the Bachelor of Arts Degree, and Cornell University Law School with the Bachelor of Laws degree, who is continuing his father's law practice in Walden. 2. Robert Bartram, a graduate of Ithaca College, who served as a member of the Aviation Corps, United States Army, in World War II, and is a teacher by profession.

STANLEY HOFFMAN—Among the many important citizens that Putnam County has attracted from other localities and states, is Stanley Hoffman, supervising principal of the Patterson Union Free School. He has been an educator in New York throughout the whole of his career in his profession, and in the administration of his present office has shown exceptional abilities and skill.

Mr. Hoffman was born at Linn Grove, Indiana, June 3, 1908, son of Forest and Nancy (Beeler) Hoffman, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in Linn Grove, where they were highly honored residents during their lives. Their son attended the schools of his birthplace, and the New Paltz Normal College, New Paltz, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1933. He took his Bachelor's degree in science, at New York University, in 1939, and he became a Master of Arts of his *alma mater*, a few years later.

So far as his teaching career is concerned, Stanley Hoffman began it in 1933 when he went to a Jeffersonville, New York, school. From 1935 to 1940, he was identified with the Mahopac, Putnam County, schools. In 1940 he was made supervising principal of the Patterson Union Free School, at Patterson, Putnam County.

Professor Hoffman has proved himself an excellent educator, a progressive in the development of the curricula and the services rendered the public by the institution guided by his leadership. He is a member of the New York State Teachers Association, and the New York State Elementary Principals Association, and keeps in close contact with colleagues and developments in his profession. He is interested in civic affairs, in music, and in sports in general.

At Gloversville, New York, June 30, 1934, Stanley Hoffman married Doris Schaefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Schaefer. Mrs. Hoffman is a graduate of New Paltz Normal School. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are the parents of two children: Nancy, born July 28, 1935, at Gloversville; and Kurt, born at Mahopac, September 14, 1943.

SAMUEL M. SEIFERT—Of the druggist trade and profession, Samuel M. Seifert has made a career, and for some twelve years has been an increasingly popular figure in his business at Brewster, Putnam County, New York. He was born in New York City, December 17, 1903, son of Philip and Eva (Sebiri) Seifert, both of whom are residents of the American metropolis. His father, a native of Austria, who came to the United States in 1898, has long been a prominent manufacturer of dresses in New York City.

Although too young to be able to serve with the armed forces of the United States in the First World War, he had two older brothers who did, Maurice Seifert, a certified public accountant, and Herman Seifert,

who was a military police. Maurice was attached to the Ordnance Department, United States Army, with the rank of technical sergeant. During this period Samuel M. Seifert was a schoolboy, and was graduated from the Morris High School, of the Bronx, with the class of 1921. He matriculated at the College of Pharmacy, Fordham University, where he received his diploma in 1928, and also became a licensed pharmacist that same year.

Mr. Seifert had been an apprentice druggist in the Bronx, New York City, while a student in high school and technical college, and was no inexperienced pharmacist when on November 21, 1932, he purchased the Hope Drug Store in Brewster, Putnam County. His reputation has grown with the years, the past decade being the best in his business. He coöperates in community projects and is a member of the Lions Club in Brewster. His friends are legion, his civic services exceptionally valuable.

At New York City, February 26, 1933, Samuel M. Seifert married Sophie Wittenberg, a native of this city, daughter of Nathan and Rebecca (Diamond) Wittenberg. Mr. and Mrs. Seifert are the parents of two sons, both born at Danbury, Connecticut: Allen B., born November 23, 1933; and Donald I., born June 16, 1937.

STANLEY D. CORNISH—One of the well-recognized methods of evaluating a community is by an investigation of the quality and enterprise of its business leaders. Carmel, Putnam County, New York, would pass with flying colors the application of any such standard, and would "point with pride" to the careers of the Cornish family, Samuel G., father, and Stanley D. Cornish, son, as members of the old and reliable firm of S. G. Cornish & Son, druggists and insurance men, leaders in civic affairs. A member of the third generation, Richard Stuart Cornish, is now associated with his father in business.

Great-grandfather John Cornish, member of one of the long established Hudson River Valley families, was a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, of the American Revolutionary period. Of his six children, Nancy, Jane, James, Joseph, John, and Deborah, John, Jr., was born in Poughkeepsie, October 18, 1823. He learned to work with tobacco and later started his own business, becoming one of the leading manufacturers of tobacco products in the United States, ultimately selling out to D. H. McAlpin. On April 28, 1845, he married Frances Emma French, a native of New York City, daughter of John C. and Frances French. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom are deceased. The last survivor, Samuel G. Cornish, was postmaster of Carmel, county seat of Putnam County, a community which he also served for many years as town clerk. He was the founder of S. G. Cornish & Son, druggists. He married

Mary A. Dykeman, and they had three children: Ruth, deceased; Stanley D., of this review, and Marion, who married Graham Henion, of Toledo, Ohio.

Stanley D. Cornish was born at Carmel, New York, May 2, 1890, son of Samuel G. and Mary A. (Dykeman) Cornish. He acquired his formal education in the grammar and high schools of his birthplace, and Columbia University, School of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1909. He then became associated with his father in a drug and insurance business, operating then, as now, as S. G. Cornish & Son. As has been indicated, this is not only one of the oldest retail commercial concerns in the Putnam County seat, but has always kept abreast of the times, rendering modern and complete service in its field.

Stanley D. Cornish is an active leader in civic affairs. For nearly twenty years he has been a member and chairman of the school board, constantly working for the improvement of the educational facilities of Carmel. A staunch Republican, he was for several terms postmaster of this city. Over a long period he was treasurer of the Literary Union Library, and has acted as scoutmaster for the local Boy Scouts of America. Fraternally, Mr. Cornish was affiliated with Gleneida Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he is a past master. He has been an elder of the Presbyterian Church for more than thirty years.

On October 12, 1912, Stanley D. Cornish married (first) Jane Gertrude Taylor, of Oswego, New York, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Stanley D., Jr., a graduate from the University of Rochester, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is a lieutenant in the United States Navy. 2. Dudley Taylor Cornish, is also a Bachelor of Arts of the University of Rochester, and a United States Army lieutenant. He married Virginia Davis, daughter of Louise (Taylor) Davis, of New York City. 3. Richard Stuart Cornish, youngest son, remains at home in Carmel, associated in business with his father. He was educated in the grammar and high schools of Carmel, and was graduated from Columbia University, New York City, class of 1939, a Bachelor of Science. He married Muriel Limbach, of Carmel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Limbach, of West Road, Carmel; they are the parents of two children: Richard Stuart, Jr., born in June, 1941, and Mary Jane, born in 1942. Stanley D. Cornish married (second), in 1937, Clara Taylor, of Rochester, New York, sister of his deceased first wife.

GEORGE H. STEACY, M. D., C. M.—Practicing medicine and surgery in Mahopac, Dr. George H. Steacy is one of Putnam County's prominent professional workers, highly esteemed and honored in his profession and beloved among a host of friends in all walks of life.

Dr. Steacy was born January 10, 1903, at North Augusta, Province of Ontario, Canada, son of William George and Jennie (Wilmer) Steacy. His father, born in North Augusta, was an Ontario farmer, widely known throughout that region and prominent in local civic and community affairs. He is now deceased.

North Augusta public schools provided Dr. George H. Steacy's early formal education, and he later became a student at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, where he was graduated in 1928. With the degree of Doctor of Medicine, Master in Surgery, he served an internship at Ontario Hospital, in Cobourg, Ontario, and had special work at the Lying-in Hospital, New York City. He also was an interne at St. Barnabas' Hospital, Newark, and the State Hospital, at Binghamton, New York. In January, 1930, he became a physician and surgeon at Mahopac, in Putnam County. He is also a member of the staffs of Mahopac Hospital and Peekskill Hospital, and has been in charge of the work of the Lake Mahopac Emergency Hospital since the beginning of 1930.

Dr. Steacy's work has been many-sided and constructive since he has settled in this community, and he is a member of the Putnam County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Canadian Medical Society. Formerly he was secretary and vice-president of the Putnam County Medical Society, and is now (1944-45) its president. Dr. Steacy also entered the service of his country during the Second World War, being commissioned a captain in the army medical corps in 1942. He was honorably discharged on August 18, 1943. Among his other activities, Dr. Steacy is a member of the Methodist Church. In leisure time he enjoys healthful outdoor life, including such recreations as fishing, hunting and baseball, and is also fond of bowling.

On October 12, 1932, at Mahopac, New York, Dr. George H. Steacy married Edith Wescott, a native of Mahopac, daughter of George and Anna (Root) Wescott. They became the parents of the following children: 1. George H., Jr., born in September, 1933, in Peekskill. 2. Gail Barbara, born March 8, 1936, in Peekskill. 3. Kevin, born March 14, 1942, in Peekskill.

SIMEON BRADY, Jr.—For years active in the business life of Brewster, Simeon Brady, Jr., is a partner in the Brady-Stannard Motor Company, distributors of the Buick, Oldsmobile, Chevrolet and Cadillac cars in this area of Putnam County.

Mr. Brady was born May 7, 1902, in Somers, New York, son of Simeon and Ella M. (Merritt) Brady. The pioneer of this family in the Westchester-Putnam area was Simeon Brady, and many members of the family line since that time have had the name Simeon.

Schools in the vicinity of his birthplace provided the early formal education of Simeon Brady, Jr., who attended Katonah High School and the Mohegan Lake Military Academy, as well as Peekskill Military Academy. In 1920 he entered the real estate business in Somers and in Brewster, so continuing until 1933. It was in that year that he became a partner in the Brady-Stannard Motor Company, of Brewster. This company is widely known in this area as distributors of the Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Chevrolet cars, as indicated above.

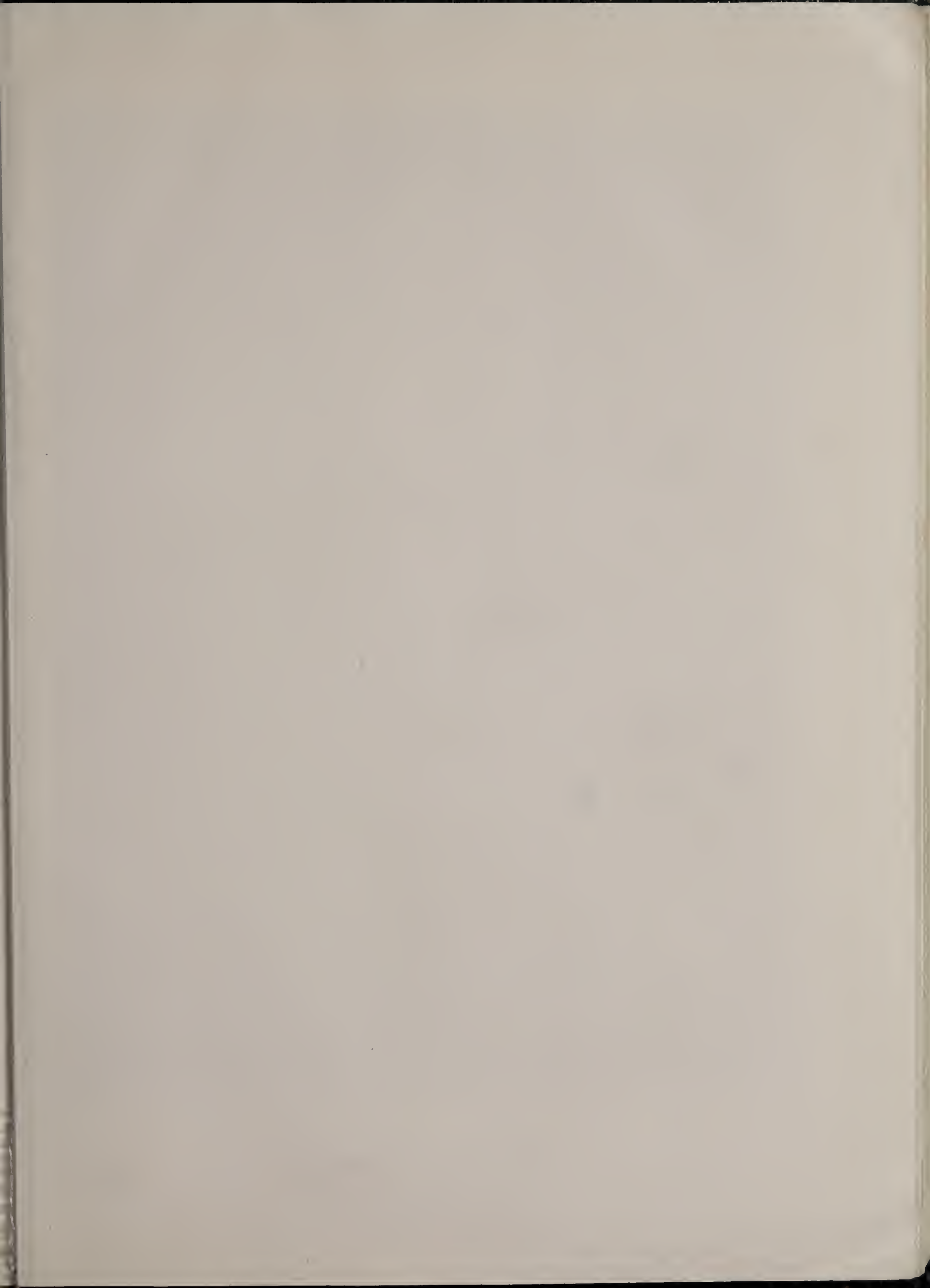
At the same time Mr. Brady has figured prominently in fraternal, civic and social life in his community and district. He is a member of White Plains Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs also to the Danbury Club.

On September 1, 1921, in Brewster, New York, Simeon Brady, Jr., married Catherine Toomey, daughter of John T. Toomey. They became the parents of a daughter, Carol Ann Brady, who was born October 1, 1931.

HAROLD M. REYNOLDS—One of the loyal and long time citizens of Putnam County, Harold M. Reynolds is a well-known figure in Brewster, and the town of South East's life and affairs. He was born in South East, November 6, 1877, son of Mills and Irene E. F. (Fowler) Reynolds, both of whom are deceased.

Many citizens of this part of southeastern New York recall with pleasure Mills Reynolds, who at one time operated a livery stable before the horseless carriage put the horse out of business as a means of getting about the country. When his trade began to fall off he wisely sold his holdings and purchased the well-remembered Southeast Hotel, the meeting place and center of activities for the traveling public. He married Irene E. E. Fowler, and they were the parents of two sons, Harold M. and Waldo Reynolds, who for a time conducted this hotel.

Few things better illustrate the standing of Mr. Reynolds in the community and to a wide circle of friends than the fact that he is universally known as "Harry" Reynolds, most people being completely unfamiliar with his first name. He was educated in the Brewster, Putnam County, schools, was associated with his father in several family enterprises, including as indicated, the hotel business. Within a year or two of becoming of age, he secured a position with Warren & Wetmore, New York City architects, as draftsman, remaining with the concern for about a decade. As indicated, he and his brother operated the old Southeast Hotel for some ten years, before selling out. Then the two men were together in the fire insurance trade with realty activities. This was disposed of to A. P. Budd, and Waldo Rey-





Harry Bruno

nolds is now a resident of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

To the people of Brewster and South East, the character and personality of Harry Reynolds is an open book, which anyone could read. His integrity, abilities and civic interest caused him to be elected collector of the town of South East in 1933, a post he filled capably until 1935 when he was elected clerk of the town, a position to which he has been returned ever since. At one time he was a trustee of the village of Brewster, and has been a member of the board of education of Brewster since 1942. Harry M. Reynolds has always been either too young or too old for active service in the armed forces of the United States, but has served as an observer in the United States Army Air Service in World War II. For some ten or twelve years he was a vestryman of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, and always has been a liberal supporter of humanitarian and religious works. He has enjoyed numerous personal recreational activities, at the present writing being particularly interested in gardening.

At Brewster, New York, Harold M. Reynolds married Mary Ida Palmer, of Carmel, New York, daughter of Bryant S. and Lydia (Hawes) Palmer.

STEPHEN G. DOIG, Jr.—Carrying on a general practice of law in New City, Stephen G. Doig, Jr., occupies a position of leadership and high standing in his community and in this region of New York State.

Mr. Doig was born August 15, 1908, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Stephen G. and Isabel Shaw (McCleery) Doig. His father was formerly a lawyer in New York, but is now associated with his son in professional practice in New City. His mother died in 1915, and in that year the family settled in Nyack.

Stephen G. Doig, Jr., attended Nyack public schools through the high school grades, being graduated from high school here in 1926. He then became a student at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1930. In 1933 he was graduated from the law school of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New York State bar, he carried on his professional activities for some years, then in 1939 established his own general practice in New City. Since that time he has continued here, with his father as an associate. Previously he was associated with Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt and Mosle, of No. 63 Wall Street, New York.

In addition to his other undertakings in the professional sphere, Mr. Doig is a member of the Rockland County Bar Association. He takes an active rôle in Rockland County affairs, notably as past president of the Volunteer Fire Department of West Nyack, where he makes his home. He is also active in the Dutch Reformed Church,

and is a member of the West Nyack School Board. In student days he joined the Zeta Psi fraternity of North America, in which he continues active. He enjoys fishing and golf as favorite recreations.

In Nyack, New York, March 7, 1936, Stephen G. Doig, Jr., married Marcelle Partridge, of West Nyack, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Partridge. Mr. and Mrs. Doig became the parents of two children, both natives of West Nyack: 1. Priscilla, born April 19, 1938. 2. Carolyn, born May 6, 1941.

HARRY BRUNO—"The United States has the greatest air force in the world!" In the present war it has gained one-sided victories over the German Luftwaffe and the Japanese Zeros. No branch of our armed forces is so overwhelmingly supported by public opinion, and in this connection it is well to recall that in the statements of authorities "It is doubtful whether any other man has done more than Harry Bruno to make America air conscious." This reputation is not based simply on his contributions to the literature of aviation, nor even his latest book "Wings Over America," considered by many the best story of the development of airplanes and flying in the United States, but as well for his own pioneer connections with many phases of aviation. Although much younger than the Wright brothers, he was almost their contemporary in attempted air flights. During the First World War Mr. Bruno was a military flyer, and he promoted several sensational features of flying during the intervening years to World War II. Today he is an outstanding figure in public relations as the president of his own New York City company.

Harry Bruno is an American citizen although born in London, England, February 7, 1893, son of Henry A. and Annie (Thompson) Bruno. He was a student at the Portland Preparatory College in his native city, and later at the Montclair High School, Montclair, New Jersey. As a youth of seventeen years, he "chuted" his home-made plane from the roof of a barn, and flew all of thirty seconds, which was long enough (then) to make the headlines in New Jersey and New York newspapers. Incidentally it probably was this youthful experience that inspired a New Jersey resident to put up a sign warning would-be aviators not to fly over his house. At this time, relates one commentator, was "born his first love—mania and manna for aviation." Mr. Bruno built and flew the world's smallest monoplane glider, at Montclair, New Jersey, in 1910, and designed, constructed and flew man-carrying gliders a year later. At the age of seventeen years he was admitted as a pilot to the United States Aeronautical Reserve; and during World War I he served with the Royal Flying Corps of Canada. After the end of that war he, with a group of friends, organized the "Quiet Birdmen," a secret fraternity of aviators. Of this group that gave a great impetus to private flying and the

building of local flying fields, he is one of the three of six original founders of the order, now living.

In post-World War activities, Harry Bruno was no "quiet" aviation enthusiast. He believed that the spectacular in flying was necessary to gain the attention of the public to the progress of the airplane industry. In 1921 he made the first successful circum-navigation of the Great Lakes in a flying boat, receiving the Glidden trophy of the New York Aero Club for this pioneer achievement. He made the headlines of newspapers, all over the country when he "bombed" New York City and introduced "skywriting" and was connected with many airplane so-called "stunts," that made America aware of the future of aviation. He is a charter member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association; is chairman of the awards committee of the International League of Aviators. In 1930, he was awarded the Aviators Diploma of Honor, "for his work in the development of Aviation in America," from the above association. He is a director of the National Aeronautic Association, of Washington, District of Columbia, and a Past Commander, 1935-36, of Air Service Post No. 501, of the American Legion, and is the chairman of its executive committee.

In more recent years Harry Bruno has won a name for himself as an outstanding figure in public relations, and as a publicist as the head of the firm of H. A. Bruno & Associates, public relations counsel, with offices at No. 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. He represents many large corporations in aviation, automotive, marine, industrial and resort fields. In 1942, he was chosen by a national magazine as one of the six leading public counselors, or publicists, of America. He is a founder and two-term member of the board of directors of the National Association of Public Relations Counsel, Inc.; a member of the board of directors and chairman, Public Relations Committee of the Sales Executives Club, of New York, of which he was one of the founders. Mr. Bruno is a member of the board of directors of Rockefeller Center Luncheon Club; a member of the executive committee and council of the Wings Club, of the State of New York; public relations adviser to the War Savings Staff of New York; public relations adviser to the War Activities Council of the Advertising Club, of New York; member of the National Federation of Sales Executives; and is also a fellow of the American Geographical Society.

In September 1941, Mr. Bruno was called to Washington, District of Columbia, as an assistant to Floyd B. Odum, director of the Division of Contract Distribution, O. P. M. He originated the project which called for three special red, white and blue trains to tour the Nation as an aid to small businessmen wanting to coöperate in the war effort, and was appointed Director of Defense Special Trains for the O. P. M. in October of that year.

Before entering the field of public relations, Harry Bruno had acquired some exceptional journalistic experience with the "Herald" of Montclair, New Jersey; the "News and Graphic" of Greenwich, Connecticut; the New York City "Globe" and the American Press Association. He is the author of a book on public relations, two on aviation, and has had numerous articles published in national magazines. His "Wings Over America," the inside story of aviation in the United States, is a history of flying in our country that has been received with greater acclaim throughout the Nation than any similar work attempted. In this, aviation authorities, the press, and the public have been in full accord. If one wants to know the first-hand history of our development in the air, learn something about our aviators and airplane industrialists, and find factual answers to the questions as to why "Uncle Sam's air power is the greatest in the world," "Wings Over America," is a must on any reader's or student's list.

Mr. Bruno has never been a man of all work and no play, nor one uninterested in social and civic contacts. In addition to clubs and organizations already mentioned, he is a member of the Lotos Club, the Early Birds, the New York Athletic Club, the Military-Naval, and the Adventurers clubs of New York City. He belongs to the National Press Club, of Washington, District of Columbia, the Portage Country Club, Akron, Ohio, the Montauk Long Island Yacht, and the Deep Hollow Gun Club, of Montauk, Long Island; the Celestials, the Regatta Circuit Riders, the Banshees, of New York, and the Gipsy Trail Club, of Carmel, Putnam County, New York. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party; he attends the Baptist Church.

In 1930, Harry A. Bruno married Nydia de Sosnowska, in New York City, and they make their winter home at No. 400 East Fifty-seventh Street, New York City; their summer home at "Green Chimneys," Montauk, Long Island, and at almost any season of the year can be found at the Gipsy Trail Club, Carmel, New York. In recent years Mr. Bruno has become the owner of a ranch in the Coachella Valley, near Indio, California, on which the growing of improved varieties of dates and grapefruit is being developed.

BEHREND J. H. GOOSSEN—Carrying on an extensive furniture business in Brewster, Behrend J. H. Goossen is one of the leading business men of this district.

Mr. Goossen was born April 11, 1890, in New York City, son of Behrend and Fredericka (Moeller) Goossen. His father, a native of Germany, kept a store for many years in New Rochelle after coming to America in young manhood in 1883.

New York City public schools provided Behrend J. H. Goossen's early formal education, and he was graduated

from Morris High School. At the age of fifteen years he began working with an embroidery designer, H. Keil. Then, when he was nineteen years old, he became associated with his father in the grocery business in New Rochelle, where he continued until 1926. In 1927 he became connected with Leo Wilkenson in the establishment of a furniture store in Brewster. Purchasing his partner's interest in the business in 1932, Mr. Goossen proceeded to carry on the work independently, so continuing down to the time of writing. One of his community's leading business men, he has built up a firm that has come to be widely known and honored in Westchester and Putnam counties and that has played an important rôle in the life of this district of New York State.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Goossen is active in fraternal affairs, belonging to Croton Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is treasurer and a member of the board of trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church, in Brewster. In spare time Mr. Goossen enjoys oil painting as a hobby and takes a deep interest in the arts. Associated in business with him is his sister, Mrs. Anna (Goossen) Rechen, who has been active in the enterprise from its inception.

Behrend J. H. Goossen married, October 18, 1914, in New Rochelle, New York, Carrie Koenig, a native of New York City. She was reared by her paternal grandmother, in New Rochelle. Mr. and Mrs. Goossen became the parents of the following children: 1. Behrend M., born August 4, 1915, in New Rochelle, studied in Brewster public schools through the high school grades, serving at the time of writing in the Second World War as a first lieutenant in the army engineer corps; he married Marjorie Hopkins, of Brewster, daughter of Addison Hopkins. 2. Frederick L., born October 25, 1916, in New Rochelle, attended public schools in Brewster through the high school grades, became a member of the 5th Regiment of the United States Army during the Second World War; he is the father of two children: i. Richard R. Goossen, born September 16, 1940, at Mount Kisco. ii. Lawrence Goossen, born December 23, 1943, in Mahopac, New York. 3. Dorothy M., born December 18, 1918, in New Rochelle, attended Brewster schools.

HOWARD HILL WEBER—For years active in the rubber manufacturing industry, Howard Hill Weber, of West Nyack, is sales manager of the wire and cable department of the United States Rubber Company, with headquarters in New York City.

Mr. Weber was born March 22, 1896, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, son of the Rev. C. Arthur and Anna (Hill) Weber. His father, a native of Utica, New York, was for years an active clergyman until his retirement. The mother is now deceased.

Public schools of York, Pennsylvania, provided Howard Hill Weber's early formal education, and after completing his studies at York High School he entered the Bliss Electrical School, in Washington, District of Columbia. He also studied at Lehigh University. He has degrees of Electrical Engineer and Master of Science. During the First World War he served in the Army Engineer Corps going overseas with the 1st Engineers. After the war he became a junior engineer with the Utica Gas & Electric Company, of Utica, New York. Later he was associated with the General Cable Corporation. Then he joined the United States Rubber Company organization in 1934, becoming sales manager of the wire and cable department.

Among his many other activities, Mr. Weber is a member of the United States Power Squadron, a club, and the Union League Club of New York. He is a member of Auxiliary Flotilla No. 109, of the United States Coast Guard, the American Legion, the Bristol Yacht Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, New York Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Almas Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Court No. 13 of the Royal Order of Jesters. Yachting and golf are his favorite recreations.

Howard Hill Weber married, September 5, 1921, in York, Pennsylvania, June D. Fizzell, daughter of Albert and Jessie (Shafer) Fizzell. They became the parents of a son, Howard Hill Weber, Jr., born May 28, 1925, in Jamestown, New York, attended the Trinity School, in New York, graduated from Nyack High School in 1942, member of the class of 1946 at Colgate University.

JOHN F. McGRATH—Operating the McGrath Pharmacy, in Ellenville, John F. McGrath is one of this community's leading business men and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. McGrath was born in 1900 at Liberty, New York, son of Lawrence and Hannah McGrath. His father, who is now deceased, was formerly a civil engineer and land appraiser, associated with the State Conservation Department.

After John F. McGrath completed his preliminary schooling, he entered Union University, then was graduated in 1922 from the Albany College of Pharmacy. Establishing himself in the drug business and gaining valuable experience in association with others for the next several years, Mr. McGrath founded his own business, the present McGrath Pharmacy, in 1931. It is now one of Ellenville's leading institutions.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. McGrath takes a lively interest in community affairs. A Democrat in his partisan views, he is a village trustee of

Ellenville and also serves as police commissioner. He is a member of the Noon-Day Club, vice-president of the Ellenville Holy Name Society and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

On November 24, 1923, John F. McGrath married Inis Sherwood, daughter of Olin D. and Sophia Sherwood. One daughter, Elizabeth I. McGrath, was born of this marriage on February 28, 1925.

IRVING BRADFORD WEST—During a career that has embraced a variety of activities, Irving Bradford West has won his way to eminent success in business. Along the way, which has included submarine experience in the United States Navy, merchandising and brokerage, he has enjoyed life while making a livelihood, and developed a philosophy that makes him popular and prominent in town life. As the owner of a lumber business, he contributes importantly to the prosperity of Kerhonkson, New York.

Mr. West was born at Tenaflly, New Jersey, July 15, 1895, son of Bradford K. and Gertrude (DeMott) West, his father being a printer by trade. The son, of this record was graduated from the grammar and high schools of Bangor, Maine, and then was a student at Columbia University, New York City, for two years. Enlisting in the United States Navy, he spent four years in the navy, an officer (engineer) in the submarine service. Upon his return to civilian life, he engaged in merchandising in New York City, associated with the B. Altman Company store for several years. Later he was a broker in the American metropolis, but in 1931 joined Moses E. Green in a lumber business in Kerhonkson, New York. Five years later he became the sole owner of this concern, one of the oldest in this part of southeastern New York. The company not only sells lumber and building products of Western firms, but operates its own saw and wood-working mill.

With civic, business and social affairs in Kerhonkson, Mr. West has been identified since his coming to this town. He is a justice of the peace, a lieutenant in the auxiliary police, member of the Noonday Club and the American Legion post, both of Ellenville, Ulster County. He is a member of the reemployment committee of Local Draft Board No. 315. Likewise he is affiliated with the Kerhonkson Lions Club, of which he is a past president, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he serves on the official board. His hobbies include gardening and cabinet work.

In 1931, at Kerhonkson, New York, Irving Bradford West married Ruth Green, daughter of Moses E. and Viola Green, and they are the parents of two children: Rachel D., born in 1933; Moses G., born in 1936.

ARTHUR E. SMITH—Throughout many years of residence at Hyde Park, Arthur E. Smith has become thoroughly identified with this community. He was formerly associated with his father in the management of one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's farms, worked with the highway department of the State of New York, and was appointed in 1940 to the position of postmaster of Hyde Park, under the Civil Service System.

Mr. Smith was born at Wallkill, on October 11, 1910, son of Moses W. and Harriet (Wager) Smith. His father has been a tenant farmer on the Franklin D. Roosevelt estate, since 1920, and continues in that position at the present time. A social and political leader of Hyde Park, Moses W. Smith was responsible for the formation of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Home Club here.

Arthur E. received his early education in the public schools of Poughkeepsie. Then, moving to Hyde Park with his parents, he was enrolled in the Hyde Park public school and later the Arlington High School. Mr. Smith was associated with the New York State Highway Department until 1940, when he accepted appointment as postmaster of Hyde Park. He is a Democrat in politics. A member of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club, he has been a personal friend and a protégé of President Roosevelt. He is one of the leading men in the community, and has been very active in civic affairs. His favorite recreations are reading and fishing.

On August 21, 1936, at Poughkeepsie, Arthur E. Smith was married to Grace C. Beardsley, daughter of Ralph and Mary (Rickell) Beardsley, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. David B., born May 10, 1938. 2. Douglas C., born November 17, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are communicants of the St. James Episcopal Church here, and have been active together in the social and civic enterprises of their home community.

D. W. SCHERMERHORN—A half dozen years after the turn into the present century, D. W. Schermerhorn located in the Rhinebeck area to engage in his recently learned profession, pharmacy. He remained in this well situated town in the Hudson Valley and gradually built up one of the finest drug stores in this part of New York. Its fame has not remained hidden for his establishment was on the highway formerly so constantly traveled on the east side of the Hudson, and this was one of the favorite points at which visitors and others were ferried across the river to Kingston. Always an exemplar of good citizenship, he has entered into many phases of local civic and social life.

Mr. Schermerhorn was born at Cairo, New York, October 15, 1881, son of Oliva T. and Adeline (Webber) Schermerhorn, his father being engaged in a general mercantile business in that place. After attending the grade schools of his birthplace and Cairo Academy, the son rounded out his preparation for a career with courses



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in the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. Two years later he came to Rhinebeck, where he became associated with Dr. Frank Latson in the operation of a drug store. Upon the death of the doctor, in 1920, Mr. Schermerhorn purchased the former's interest and has since conducted the store as his own enterprise. He has frequently remodeled the establishment, inaugurated new policies, moved ahead with the changing times and demands, and it is a matter of wide repute that his place of business is among the finest in the Hudson River Valley.

Down the years the foresighted Mr. Schermerhorn has not been afraid to invest in the future of Rhinebeck, without regard to the fact that it is one of the oldest of river towns, and is influential in local affairs. He is a trustee of the Rhinebeck Cemetery Association, a former trustee of the village of Rhinebeck, and a member of its Civic Club. Along the line of his profession, Mr. Schermerhorn is a member of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association, the National Pharmaceutical Association, and the National Association of Retail Druggists. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and Past Master of Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 432. In politics he is a Republican; and he is a member and warden of the Church of the Messiah, Protestant Episcopal.

In 1904, at Cairo, New York, D. W. Schermerhorn married Clara Noble.

CHARLES E. LANE, M. D.—Among the best known of practicing physicians at Poughkeepsie are two men, father and son, who have made the name of Lane known throughout this territory as a symbol of utmost devotion to the ideals of the medical profession. The elder of the two, Charles E. Lane, M. D., has been engaged in the practice of medicine in New York State for sixty years, all but five years of this time having been spent at Poughkeepsie, the city to which the doctor moved in 1888 to establish a permanent practice. Honored for his accomplishments in the medical field, and for his exceptional term of service, Dr. Lane has received almost every award which can be conferred upon a member of the medical profession. Throughout his residence in the city of Poughkeepsie, he has been able to devote time not only to his personal affairs but also to those matters which are of collective importance in the lives of the citizenry. He has held elective and appointive positions in the administration of the city of Poughkeepsie. He is a member not only of the medical associations, but also of numerous social and fraternal organizations which have headquarters in the city.

Dr. Lane was born August 16, 1855, at Clove, New York, son of Edward and Jane Ann (Hall) Lane. His father, who was born June 19, 1825, died September 24, 1904, was a sailor on whaling boats and in the latter

part of his life engaged in farming. Charles E. received his early education in the rural schools in the vicinity of his birthplace. He then studied at Wilbraham Academy, before beginning his study of medicine. For his professional training, he entered the New York Homœopathic Medical College, graduating in the class of 1883, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Having completed all requirements for the practice of medicine, Dr. Lane returned to Clove and there was engaged as a general practitioner for a period of five years prior to his removal to Poughkeepsie in 1888, where he has been active professionally since that time. Since 1900, Dr. Lane has specialized in proctology. In addition to his private practice, he holds a position as an associate on the staff of Vassar Hospital.

Dr. Lane is a Republican in politics, and has been active in support of the local organization of the party. He was president of the city council, the board of aldermen, from 1899-1905. He also served as president of the board of public works for a period of one year. His support has been readily available for projects calculated to be of community benefit.

He is a past president of the Poughkeepsie Academy of Medicine; past president of the Dutchess County Medical Society; a member of the New York State Homœopathic Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the National Homœopathic Association, the National Proctologic Association, and the American Medical Association. His social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; membership in the Commandery of the Knights Templar, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Falkill Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a past member of the Amrita Club. His favorite recreational activities are outdoor life and reading.

Dr. Charles E. Lane married, March 28, 1877, Hattie A. Yeomans. They are the parents of a son, Dr. George E., born November 30, 1883. A graduate of the New York Homœopathic Medical College and of Flower Hospital, he is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Poughkeepsie.

FRANK L. GARDNER, Jr.—Although the youngest of the three members of one of the oldest and strongest general insurance companies of Dutchess County, Frank L. Gardner, Jr., of Poughkeepsie, has made a name for himself, not only in this business, but in a wide variety of other activities. His organizational memberships are numerous, and there are few worth-while phases of civic, fraternal and club life in which he is not interested.

Mr. Gardner, Jr., was born in Poughkeepsie, on December 15, 1906, son of Frank L. and Edith (Young) Gardner. Few men are better known in this part of

New York State than his father, or more to the fore in Poughkeepsie affairs, in which he is exceptionally active. Mr. Gardner, Sr., is, among many other things, president of the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank, and is president of Vail & Sutton, Inc., of which further.

Frank L. Gardner, Jr., was educated in the following schools: Putnam Hall, W. George Clinton, Poughkeepsie High and the private school, known as Oakwood. His first employment of note was with Vail & Sutton, Inc., where he learned the insurance business. Since 1937 he has been a member of the firm, at present serving as assistant secretary and member of the board of directors. As indicated, his father is president of the corporation. The other official is Horatio W. Nelson, Jr. (*q. v.*)

The history of Vail & Sutton has been told as follows: This insurance firm was founded in the year 1845 at Verbank, a small hamlet in the central part of Dutchess County, by Edmund Vail, a farmer and whose business was mostly with farmers. His office was in his farm dwelling. By 1867 the business had grown to such an extent that he moved the office to Poughkeepsie, taking his son, Lewis H. Vail, in partnership with him under the name of Vail & Son. Edwin Baright was for a time connected with the firm, and on selling his interest to Franklin Sutton, the firm name was changed to Vail & Sutton.

In 1890 Alonzo H. Vail, another son of Edmund Vail, was taken into the partnership and the firm name was changed to Vail, Sutton & Vail. The firm so continued until May 1, 1913, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. Lewis H. Vail and Franklin Sutton continuing the business under the name of Vail & Sutton. On September 1, 1913, it was incorporated under the title of Vail & Sutton, Inc., and Frank L. Gardner and Horatio W. Nelson, Jr., became members of the corporation. In 1937 Frank L. Gardner, Jr., was taken into the corporation. Mr. Vail and Mr. Sutton are now deceased, and the present members of the corporation are: Frank L. Gardner, Sr., Horatio W. Nelson, Jr., and Frank L. Gardner, Jr.

Since 1845 when Edmund Vail started the business, the firm has had only four office locations: namely, Verbank, Poughkeepsie Savings Bank Building, The Taylor Building, at No. 37 Market Street, and the Dutchess Insurance Company Building, at No. 39 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, the present address. It has served five generations of Dutchess County families.

In 1845 the business was fire insurance only, but from time to time new types of insurance have become necessary to protect the public's real estate, goods and chattels. The firm has progressed in keeping with the times, becoming a general insurance agency with sub-agents covering the Mid-Hudson territory and handling all in-

surance coverage—fire, casualty, bonding, and allied lines; in fact, all coverages except life insurance.

Frank L. Gardner, Jr., keeps in touch with men in his profession or business, by memberships in the National Insurance Agents Association, the New York State Insurance Agents Association, the Dutchess County Insurance Agents Association, the Poughkeepsie Agents Association, and has served as president of both the latter named groups. One of the honors he enjoys, although it entails numerous duties, is that of assistant fire chief of Poughkeepsie. He belongs to the New York State, the Eastern and the Mid-Hudson Valley Fire Chiefs associations. A lover of most out-of-doors sports, he is especially interested in various wild game organizations, being a member of the Dutchess County Federated Game Clubs, Inc., the Casper Hill Game Club, Inc. (former president); and the Mohawk Game Club, Inc. Other clubs include the Square Club, the International High Noon Club, the Rotary Club, and the Dutchess County Historical Society. Fraternally Mr. Gardner, Jr., is affiliated with Triune Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Past Monarch of Tripod Grotto. He acts on the board of directors of the Poughkeepsie Young Men's Christian Association, is active in Boy Scout work, being an examiner in the local scouts, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Poughkeepsie.

In 1930, at Poughkeepsie, New York, Frank L. Gardner, Jr., married A. Margaret Neeley, daughter of Mathew and Ellen (McCollum) Neeley, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Ann, born August 15, 1931. 2. LaVergne Frank, born December 1, 1934.

LE ROY LOUNSBERRY—In Ellenville, Le Roy Lounsberry has for many years been engaged in the practice of law and has effectively served his community and district in public offices and in different organizations. At the time of writing he is associated with a partner, Benjamin Lonstein. They handle both civil and criminal cases, specializing in trial work.

Mr. Lounsberry was born May 6, 1893, in Brooklyn, New York, son of William and Ella (Campbell) Lounsberry and member of an old family of Huguenot origin. Back in Revolutionary days an early member of the family, Adrianna Day Lounsberry, operated a tavern in Murray Street, New York. During the British occupation she carried on her work there, and it was from her tavern that the first American flag was raised after the evacuation of the British before George Washington's ragged soldiers. When Provost Marshal Cunningham ordered her to haul down the emblem that she had just put up with her own hands, she showed great spirit by striking him with a handy broom and defied him to touch the flag. Joshua Lounsberry, Le Roy Lounsberry's great-grandfather, was born in 1745 in Northcastle,



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New York, son of one of four brothers who came from France with the Huguenots in 1700. His son, Llewellyn S. Lounsberry, was in the Union Army when the Civil War began, and was wounded in the battle of Bull Run, dying of his injuries a year later. He was with the 71st New York Regiment. His son, William Lounsberry, Le Roy Lounsberry's father, was a real estate operator in Brooklyn; he married Ella Campbell.

Their son, Le Roy Lounsberry, attended New York City public schools, and was graduated from Kingston Academy in 1911. He then studied at the Albany Law School, where he prepared himself for his profession and received the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1915. Coming to Ellenville immediately afterward, he became associated with Judge William D. Cunningham in the practice of law, so continuing until Judge Cunningham's elevation to the bench of the State Court of Claims. This partnership remained the same until Judge Cunningham's retirement. Beginning in 1925, Mr. Lounsberry practiced independently until 1936, when he formed a partnership in association with Benjamin Lonstein, as indicated above. Their distinction in trial law practice is widespread.

Along with his professional labors, Mr. Lounsberry has for years concerned himself with civic affairs and has made a substantial contribution along these lines. He was at one time police justice in his community, and also served formerly as deputy clerk of the board of supervisors of Ulster County. He held that clerkship for three years. He was also at one period a special assistant in the district attorney's office for five years. It was on the Republican ticket that he was elected a police justice in 1917, and during the First World War Mr. Lounsberry served on the local draft board in Ellenville. He is a member of the Ulster County Sportsmen's Association, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Knights of Pythias, Kingston Lodge, No. 550, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Presbyterian Church. At the time of writing Mr. Lounsberry is a member of the advisory board set up in connection with operation of the Selective Service Act.

On July 24, 1931, Le Roy Lounsberry married Florence L. Quick, of Ellenville.

HARRY L. ROYSTER—Having spent most of his career in the exhibition field of the motion picture industry, Harry L. Royster now holds the position of general manager for twelve theatres owned by Paramount Pictures Theatres Corporation, a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures, Inc. While resident in Poughkeepsie, Mr. Royster is responsible for theatres throughout the Hudson Valley and as far distant as Glens Falls. In addition to his business affairs here, Mr. Royster has become interested in the civic problems of the city, and has given his support to projects calculated to be of general benefit to the community.

Mr. Royster was born at Memphis, Tennessee, on June 25, 1899, son of Lew E. and Mary M. (Polk) Royster. His father was an editor of the Memphis "Commercial Appeal," and was one of the original organizers of the Typographical Union of America, and active in the establishing of the hospital and convalescent home in Colorado.

After completing his preparatory education, Harry L. Royster was a student at the University of Mississippi. He then began his business career in the publicity field in New York City.

Free-lancing from 1922 to 1928, Mr. Royster then accepted a post in the executive theatre operating department of Paramount Pictures, Inc. At the present time he is general manager of twelve Netco Theatres, located in Poughkeepsie, Glens Falls, Newburgh, Middletown, Kingston and Peekskill.

Since coming to the city of Poughkeepsie in 1928, Mr. Royster has been associated with many civic programs here. He is a non-partisan in his politics. Mr. Royster is a veteran of the World War, having served as a corporal in the tank corps of the United States Army for eighteen months. His social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Rochester; he holds the thirty-second degree in the Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite there, and is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Amrita Club here, and is affiliated with the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce. His hobby is the collection of hand-carved ivories.

On March 30, 1932, at Buffalo, Harry L. Royster was married to Theodora Helen Thomas, daughter of Theodore and Elaine Thomas. They are communicants of the Episcopal Church at Poughkeepsie, and are active in social and civic affairs of the city.

JOSEPH CONOVER LAWRENCE—One of the many who have been lured by the attractions of the Mid-Hudson River Valley section of New York, Joseph Conover Lawrence, of Rhinebeck, has found opportunity there for success in business, for public service, for enjoyable social contacts. He is a native of Princeton, New Jersey, born October 18, 1869, son of William B. and Sarah J. (Conover) Lawrence, both bearing names long known in New Jersey.

Joseph Conover Lawrence was reared under agricultural conditions, for his father was a superintendent of large estates, and he was educated in local schools and the Princeton High School. He began his business career in a grocery store in his birth town, after which he spent a couple of years in Jersey City, prior to removing to Rhinebeck, two-thirds of the way up the Hudson River to Albany. He farmed and was interested in fruit growing in this section of Dutchess County for a decade, and

then for some thirty-one years was identified with the lumber business in Rhinebeck.

An exemplar of the best traditions of useful citizenship, he was honored, in 1934, by election as town clerk, an important post which he has since filled most efficiently. He also was tax collector for a short time, and is a Republican in political party allegiance. An outdoor man all his life, Mr. Lawrence is a member of the North Dutchess Rod and Gun Club. He worships in the Methodist Episcopal faith. He is proud of the fact that he is affiliated with the Rhinebeck Fire Company, for this is an organization of traditions and achievements that not only dates back to before the present century, when hose companies were a very valuable part of fire protection, but was a social group of high standing in the community.

On February 22, 1892, at Rhinebeck, New York, Joseph Conover Lawrence married Nettie F. DeWitt, who died in 1940.

A. CHESTER HAEN—Throughout a lifetime spent at Rhinebeck, A. Chester Haen has been thoroughly identified with the life of the village, and has been active in numerous facets of its life. Early associated with his father in the watchmaking trade and the jewelry business, Mr. Haen later returned to assume direction of this business after the death of his father. Within recent years, he has added to this business operations in other fields, and has expanded his interest in local real estate holdings. Mr. Haen has been active in civic affairs of the community, and is a member of the leading fraternal and social organizations of this region, devoting to his participation in their affairs the same strength which has been responsible for his business success.

Mr. Haen was born on September 22, 1889, at Rhinebeck, son of John R. and Margarette C. (Greene) Haen. His father, who was born in London, came to the United States in 1882, and settled at Rhinebeck. A jeweler by trade, he continued in that work here until his death in 1915. He was a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

A. Chester Haen grew up at Rhinebeck, attended the local public schools, and received there the customary general education. Although he was a student in high school at the age of twelve, he was not able to continue his studies, but left school at the age of thirteen. He then learned the watchmaking trade from his father, serving a five-year apprenticeship. Following this study, he traveled extensively throughout the United States until 1915, when the death of his father called him back to take charge of the business. This jewelry store was founded by his father in 1884, near its present location.

Mr. Haen added new developments to the business. In 1930 he entered into another field, the oil and oil burner business, by forming the Dutchess Utilities Company, and

he occupies the position of sole owner, this firm serving all of northern Dutchess County. He has maintained the jewelry store, to which in 1931 he added a line of electrical appliances. Mr. Haen is the owner of one complete block of downtown property in Rhinebeck.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Haen has been an ardent supporter of the principles of that party here, and is a past president of the Republican Club. During the World War, Mr. Haen served as a first sergeant in the Blythe-wood Light Infantry. He is a member of the National Grange; of Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 432, of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; and the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is a Past District Grand Lecturer. He is a member of the Civic Club, a charter member of the Red Hook Golf Club. His favorite hobbies are bridge and golf.

On September 2, 1918, in New York City, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, A. Chester Haen was married to Fannie Stewart Ellis, daughter of Kenneth F. and Lucy (Stewart) Ellis. They are communicants of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah here, in which Mr. Haen has been vestryman for the past fifteen years, and are active together in the social and civic enterprises of the village.

CLARENCE ARTHUR HOORNBECK—For many years active in the affairs of Ellenville, Clarence Arthur Hoornbeek distinguished himself as a practicing lawyer and as a leader in numerous civic activities.

Mr. Hoornbeek was born June 28, 1888, in Napanoch, Ulster County, New York, son of Louis A. and Frances Estelle (Brundage) Hoornbeek and member of an old family. The Hoornbeeks are of Dutch ancestry. Several generations ago some members of the family left Holland and cast in their lot with the American colonists, settling in Wawarsing Township, Ulster County, New York, prior to the Revolutionary War. Acquiring much valuable land in this district, they became recognized leaders in civic affairs in this region of the State. Johannes Hoornbeek, Jr., Clarence A. Hoornbeek's great-great-grandfather, became the first supervisor of the town of Wawarsing in 1806, serving until 1810, and again occupied the office from 1816 to 1818 and from 1928 to 1931. John C. Hoornbeek, Clarence A. Hoornbeek's paternal grandfather, attended district schools and the old Kingston Academy, then went to Port Hixon, on the canal. There he opened a grocery store, which he conducted for six years, afterward forming a partnership with William H. De Garmo, with whom he continued for some years to be associated in operation of a tannery and a general store. In 1870 John C. Hoornbeek took over the business and ran it under his own name for six years. Meanwhile, he began manufacturing excelsior in 1873, and in 1880 he erected another plant at Boiceville, New York,



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operating it until 1907, when it was acquired by the city of New York to be a part of the Ashokan Reservoir. He devoted himself to making excelsior until 1900, then purchased the old flour mill at Napanoch and equipped it for the manufacture of pulp, dynamite and linoleum. The mill was built in 1890, and its proprietor, Mr. Hoornbeek, never failed to accomplish what he undertook, as a result of which he came to be known as one of Ulster County's business leaders. John C. Hoornbeek married Amelia Van Luven, and they became the parents of four children—Louis A., Elias D., Clarence and Arthur.

Of these, Louis A. Hoornbeek attended grammar school in Ellenville and high school at Rhinebeck. He turned to farming, then was interested in the manufacture of dry wood pulp as a member of the firm of John C. Hoornbeek Sons, so continuing for many years. He died November 13, 1922, aged fifty-eight years. He married, in 1885, Frances Estelle Brundage, a native of Port Benjamin, New York, daughter of Charles P. Brundage. They became the parents of three children: 1. Ethel B., wife of the late John Dunlop, and they have one daughter, Mary. 2. Clarence Arthur, of further mention. 3. John C., deceased, formerly of Ellenville; he married Thelma De Puy, and they have one daughter, Mary Frances.

Of these, Clarence Arthur Hoornbeek attended school in Ellenville, where he was graduated from high school in 1907. Afterward he studied at Cornell University, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1914. Admitted to the bar in 1914, he became associated with the Buffalo law firm of Strehel, Corey, Tubbs and Beals, remaining with them until 1917, when he enlisted for World War service. Assigned to Fort Niagara, New York, he was commissioned a second lieutenant there at the conclusion of his training period. Ordered then to Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas, he was commissioned a first lieutenant there and assigned to duty with an infantry regiment attached to the 90th Division. He remained there until mustered out of the service January 24, 1919. Returning to Ulster County, Mr. Hoornbeek began a general practice of law in Ellenville in that year. His work grew and developed and he became associated with a great deal of important litigation. On his return to his community from his infantry service Mr. Hoornbeek helped to organize and was the first commander of the George D. Cook Post, No. 111, of the American Legion. Later he was one of the organizers of the Veterans Memorial Hospital, on the board of directors of which he served faithfully until his death. In 1930 he was appointed assistant district attorney, so continuing until January 1, 1931. On May 2, 1941, he was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant government appeal agent of the Local Draft Board No. 315, which volunteer work he did in World War II.

In addition to his service as assistant district attorney, Mr. Hoornbeek was for ten years village attorney, or corporation counsel, of Ellenville. He was a member of the civil service board of Ulster County, and in a variety of ways did much for community betterment. He was a Democrat in his political alignment. He was a trustee of the Ellenville Savings Bank, one of Ulster County's oldest and strongest financial institutions. Among his many activities, Mr. Hoornbeek was affiliated with Wawarsing Lodge, No. 582, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was also a member of Rondout Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and of Cyprus Temple (Albany) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He joined the Phi Sigma Kappa society and was elected to the legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi at Cornell University, and was also prominent in the Ulster County Bar Association. He belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church in Ellenville. Mr. Hoornbeek passed away in Ellenville on March 24, 1944.

Clarence Arthur Hoornbeek married, June 30, 1928, in Chester, New York, Nancy Board Durland, daughter of Frank and Mary (Sanford) Durland, members of old colonial families of Orange County and both of them descendants of Revolutionary ancestors. Mr. and Mrs. Hoornbeek became the parents of two sons: 1. Louis Arthur, born February 11, 1930. 2. Frank Durland, born October 16, 1932.

AUGUSTUS SHUFELDT—An attorney of more than a third of a century's experience, Augustus Shufeldt is one of the outstanding figures in the professional and civic circles of Kingston, Ulster County, of which city he is a native and lifelong citizen. He was born here on October 11, 1882, son of George A. and Caroline A. (Askam) Shufeldt. The father was widely known for his leadership and community service, having been a member of the Kingston Board of Education for two decades and a member of the board of supervisors several terms. He passed away in 1931. Caroline A. Shufeldt died December 6, 1937.

Reared on his father's farm, Augustus Shufeldt early decided to enter a profession. After being graduated from the public and high schools of Kingston, he matriculated at the Union Law College, Albany, from which he was graduated in 1906. In the following year he was admitted to the bar and from 1909 to 1926, was associated as a partner of James Jenkins. During this time he served as a member of the municipal civil service board for six years. He also served as a member of the county board of elections for several years. Since 1926 he has been engaged in private practice, and won reputation in the fields of real estate and surrogate law. From 1926 to 1930, Mr. Shufeldt was city judge of Kingston, and he is a member of the Ulster County Bar Associa-

tion. His fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. A man of simple tastes and few recreations, it may be said of Mr. Shufeldt that he finds his highest enjoyment in family, home and his profession.

At Wilmington, Delaware, August 1, 1926, Augustus Shufeldt married Betty M. Smith, and they have two sons: 1. George A., born May 19, 1928, a student. 2. Augustus, Jr., born January 24, 1932

EDGAR F. POWELL, M. D.—Since coming to Fishkill in 1930, Edgar F. Powell, M. D., has continued to conduct here a general private practice of medicine. In addition to his own office work, he has been attached to the staffs of several local hospitals, and has entered the public field of medicine through his service as school physician. Dr. Powell is well known throughout the district, not only in the medical associations in which he takes a leading part, but also in the social and fraternal organizations. He is interested in civic affairs, and has responsibility as a member of the Dutchess County Medical Group for emergency preparations.

Dr. Powell was born in Brooklyn, New York, on May 10, 1890, son of Henry F. and Ann (Spears) Powell; his father is a retired railroad man. Edgar F. grew up in Brooklyn, attending the public schools there, and receiving the customary preparatory education. He then matriculated at Hobart College, completed the undergraduate curriculum, and took the degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1917. For his medical courses he turned to the University of Buffalo, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1926.

His internship was spent at the Jamaica Hospital, Richmond Hill, New York, 1926 and 1927. Following the completion of this period, Dr. Powell came to the Matteawan State Hospital at Beacon, holding the position there of resident physician during the succeeding twenty-two months. He also spent some time with Dr. Browning at the Cumberland Street Hospital, Brooklyn.

In 1930, Dr. Powell entered private practice at Fishkill, where he continues to reside at the present time. During this period, he has been associated with the staff of the Highland Hospital, Butterfield Hospital, and Vassar Hospital. He holds the position of school physician at Fishkill, and of health officer for the village and town of Fishkill. He is a member of the Dutchess County Medical Society, in which he is a past president; of the New York State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association.

During the World War, Edgar F. Powell was a sergeant in Company L of the 307th Infantry, 77th Division, United States Army. He served overseas, was wounded, received the divisional citation, general headquarters citation, the New York State Military Cross, the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Dr. Powell is a member of

the post of the American Legion at Beacon, and is past commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Dr. Powell is a Republican in politics. His social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Improved Order of Red Men, Kiwanis Club of Beacon, Chelsea Yacht Club and the Dutchess County Automobile Club. He is sector air raid warden, and is supervisor of the Dutchess County Medical Group. Gardening is his favorite hobby.

In 1930, at New York City, Dr. Edgar F. Powell was married to Edith Tompkins. They are the parents of two children: 1. Eleanor Frances, who was born on February 5, 1934. 2. Elizabeth Ann, who was born on June 18, 1937.

EDWARD B. TEWKSBURY—There is a curious and logical sequence to the career of Edward B. Tewksbury, prominent citizen of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York. As a young man when the motor car was still a somewhat unreliable mechanism, he took charge of the automobiles of, and drove for, several notables who had fine estates in the Middle Hudson River Valley section. Later he became, and down to the present time has been, town supervisor of Rhinebeck, a lifelong advocate of good roads to the promotion and progress of which he has contributed importantly.

Mr. Tewksbury was born in the town of Poughkeepsie, New York, February 15, 1886, son of William H. and Louise (Cook) Tewksbury. After completing his education in Rhinebeck and New York City, he became chauffeur for former Vice-President of the United States and Governor of New York State, Levi Parsons Morton. Later he was similarly employed by F. W. Vanderbilt. The time came when he felt he could now put his practical experience with the automobile to larger personal use, and he became associated with the Minerva Automobile Company of New York City, a connection that was continued for fourteen years. During the last five years of this period, Edward B. Tewksbury held the position of vice-president and sales manager.

In 1932, he came to Rhinebeck as an independent salesman of automotive vehicles and remained to enter actively into the life and affairs of this charming town in Dutchess County. In 1937 Mr. Tewksbury had the honor of being elected a town supervisor, an office to which he has since been returned continuously. He is chairman of the finance and war emergency committees, of the board of supervisors. He is a staunch Republican in his political allegiance. He is vice-president of the Rhinecliff Memorial Library, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons; York Commandery, Knights Templar; Sylvan Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Church of the Messiah, Protestant Episcopal, of which he is a vestryman.

JOHN B. ROBINSON—With one of the oldest and largest companies of its kind in the Poughkeepsie section of Dutchess County, New York, John B. Robinson has been actively associated since young manhood. Starting in a minor capacity, he soon won promotion and has been an official for many years, and is now acting as secretary, treasurer and general manager of the corporation, C. N. Arnold & Company, Inc., dealers in all sorts of lumber, building material and mason's supplies.

Mr. Robinson was born in the town of Poughkeepsie, February 5, 1874, son of Charles R. and Susan Mary (Hopkins) Robinson. On the maternal side he is connected with the Stoutenburg family of Hyde Park, Dutchess County. The boy was reared on his father's farm near Poughkeepsie, obtained his academic education in the school of Red Oaks Mill, town of Poughkeepsie. After pursuing business courses, John B. Robinson engaged in office work, and in 1896 joined the forces of C. N. Arnold & Company. He was yard man in the Poughkeepsie headquarters of the concern for about three years, prior to entering the office as a bookkeeper just before the turn of the century. In 1906 he became a director in the company; in 1914 was appointed secretary, and in 1927, when the control of the company changed, continued with the new group as general manager, secretary, treasurer and a director, his present offices.

The history of the Arnold concern is unusual. It was founded in 1821 by David Arnold and Frank Spencer, and was known as Spencer & Arnold. The firm dealt in lumber and building materials, for at that time there was considerable timber being cut and sawed in the nearby back country. Sash, doors, blinds, mouldings and the like were made in the East, usually in small local plants. Mr. Robinson has witnessed the gradual change in his line to the day when most of the wood-working is done in big mills all over the United States, and what he handles may come from such distant regions as the Pacific Northwest or the deep South. This business later became David Arnold.

Later in the development of the business, two sons of David Arnold became associated with the business, Nathaniel and William C. Arnold, who operated it as William C. Arnold & Company. The company later was operated by C. N. Arnold, and in 1906 he incorporated as the C. N. Arnold Company. Later Fred S. and Katherine I. Arnold owned the firm. When in 1927, they sold it to Harcourt J. and George W. Pratt, Jr., the same name was retained, and the present officials of the corporation are: George W. Pratt, president; Clarence Tompkins, vice-president; John B. Robinson, general manager, secretary and treasurer. The company is one of the largest dealers in all manner of building materials and supplies in this part of the State.

Mr. Robinson is equally well known for his active

participation in local life and affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Rotary Club, the chamber of commerce, and a life member of the Young Men's Christian Association. He inherited his Republicanism in politics, but is independent in his voting, men and measures counting for more than party labels. Over a period of thirty years he has been a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, Poughkeepsie, a generous supporter of religious, charitable and humanitarian works.

In 1915, at Poughkeepsie, New York, John B. Robinson married Winifred F. Krieger, daughter of William H. and Theresa (Rikert) Krieger, her father a retired mail clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have one daughter: Edna Ruth, born January 10, 1922, a graduate of Poughkeepsie grade and high schools, and of Vassar Hospital Nursing School, class of 1943, a registered nurse.

MOSES LAMONT—A great amount of varied experience and useful achievement comprised the career of Moses Lamont, well-known citizen of Dutchess County. He was born January 17, 1881, in this section of New York, at Matteawan Village, now the city of Beacon, the son of William James and Jane (Sloan) Lamont. His father, a Union Army veteran of the War Between the States, was for many years a file cutter in the Rothery File Works.

Moses Lamont set about making his own living rather young in life, full of ambition and hardihood. Over quite a period he was in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, mainly as a trainman. Other business experiences included four years as purchasing agent for the New York Rubber Company. In December, 1916, he became secretary and treasurer of the Beacon Lumber & Coal Company, Inc., posts which he continued to fill most capably until his death. He also was treasurer of the Gauthier Milk Company for four years, and more recently was a director of the Matteawan National Bank, and a trustee of the Beacon Savings Bank, until the pressure of other important responsibilities forced him to withdraw.

In public life, Mr. Lamont was the treasurer of the village of Matteawan, New York, when it was consolidated with the municipality of Beacon, whereupon he was made the first commissioner of accounts of the city of Beacon, continuing as such from July, 1913, to December 31, 1918. He was a Dutchess County Treasurer from July 1, 1922, to December 31, 1933, and clerk of the supreme and county courts since April 1, 1936. Mr. Lamont was fraternally affiliated with Lodge, No. 275, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Poughkeepsie, and attended the First Presbyterian Church, in Beacon. His death occurred February 26, 1944.

STANLEY HILL LEWIS—For more than a decade, Stanley Hill Lewis has held the position of clerk of the Dutchess County Board of Supervisors. Through this affiliation, he is well known throughout the county, and bears the respect as well as the friendship of his neighbors. Previous to his present connection with the board of supervisors, Mr. Lewis was employed for fifteen years at the DeLaval Separator Company's factory in Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Lewis was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, on May 15, 1898, son of Christopher and Alzada Lewis. His father is and has been associated with the M. Schwartz & Company clothing store at Poughkeepsie for many years.

Stanley Hill grew up in the city, attended the local public elementary and high schools, and received there the customary general education. Until 1930, he was employed at the DeLaval Separator Company's factory. In 1930, he became clerk of the Dutchess County Board of Supervisors, and has continued to hold the post since that time.

Mr. Lewis is, with his family, a communicant of the Methodist Church. For fifteen years, Mr. Lewis owned the Carlton Club Orchestra. This group was famous throughout Dutchess County for its work at public and private dances.

In 1921, at Poughkeepsie, Stanley Hill Lewis was married to Addie Barkley, and they are the parents of five children: 1. John B., age twenty. 2. Gilbert, age seventeen. 3. Natalie, age fourteen. 4. Cynthia, age four. 5. David, age one and one half. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are active together in the civic and social enterprises of the community.

FREDERICK W. HEANEY—An attorney of Beacon, Frederick W. Heaney has maintained his office here since he first began practicing in 1917. During the intervening quarter of a century, he has built up an excellent general legal practice. He has also become associated with local business and financial institutions, not only as counsel but also as an administrative officer. While not affiliated with a political party nor active as a candidate for public office, Mr. Heaney has been continually interested in the civic affairs of Beacon, and has given his support to projects calculated to be of general advantage to the citizens here.

Mr. Heaney was born in Matteawan Village, now a part of the city of Beacon, on January 6, 1891, son of William F. and Almira M. (Barrett) Heaney, both now deceased. His father was a tinsmith by trade. Frederick W. grew up at Beacon and studied at the public elementary and high schools, receiving there the customary general education of the time. He then became a student at New York University before turning to the study of law.

Leaving the university, Mr. Heaney returned to Beacon to study law in the office of Judge Samuel K. Phillips. After completing all the requisite qualifications, he was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in 1917.

Since that time he has conducted a general practice of law at Beacon, becoming associated as a partner in the law firm of Phillips, Heaney and Hassett, and is now the senior member of the firm of Phillips, Heaney and Schofield. Through this and other activities here he has become one of the leading citizens of the city. He is president of the Matteawan National Bank, which he also serves as counsel, and is a member of the board of directors of the institution. His other associations here include the position of trustee and attorney for the Beacon Savings Bank. Mr. Heaney has been treasurer of Highland Hospital in Beacon from 1920 to date.

Mr. Heaney is a member of Beacon Lodge, No. 283, Free and Accepted Masons, and member of Chapter No. 52, Royal Arch Masons, and Hudson River Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar. He maintains a broad interest in the affairs of Beacon and the surrounding district, in which he is well known and respected. He is a member of the American Legion, Beacon Post, No. 203.

In 1917, at Beacon, Frederick W. Heaney married Edith L. Fairchild. They are the parents of a daughter, Doris J., aged twenty-two, who took the degree of Master of Arts at the 1942 commencement of Columbia University.

ALVAH G. FROST—In Rhinebeck, Dutchess County and environs, Alvah G. Frost is well known and highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen, realtor and veteran educator. He is a native of this charming Mid-Hudson River Valley community, born March 14, 1875, and returned there when he had retired from teaching. After attending local grade and high schools, he entered and graduated from the New York State Normal College. He rounded out his academic education in New York University, from which he was also graduated. One of those who consider college graduation, not an end, but a beginning, of education, he later did scholastic work in various universities, and continues to be a student.

Mr. Frost was an educator for some thirty-five years, the last ten of them serving as superintendent of the school system of Port Chester, Westchester County, conducting its affairs, directing its policies, introducing improvements to its curriculum, as this place increased in population and importance. When he retired in 1934, it was with the intention of giving attention to many personal interests with which his active career had interfered. Idleness, even one that included important activities, was not for him, and since 1936 he has been a realtor, head of the Frost Insurance Agency, as real estate broker of Rhinebeck. Shortly after opening his



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office at Rhinebeck, he was elected a Democratic State Committeeman from the 2d Assembly District of Dutchess County, serving for several years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Lutheran Church, and is a generous supporter of religious and humanitarian works.

Mr. Frost is the father of a son, Mandeville, a graduate of Brown University, who was identified with the Secret Service of the United States. At the present writing he is a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy.

COLONEL WILLIAM L. BURNETT—For many years Colonel William L. Burnett has been director of public welfare of the city of Poughkeepsie. Coming to this post from a background of the operating department of the railroad, he had an experience that served him well in establishing himself in his present work, and he is one of Poughkeepsie's active and honored citizens.

Colonel Burnett was born June 28, 1879, at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, son of Charles Nelson and Lavinia (Hale) Burnett. His father, for twenty years a wholesale grocer in New York City, later was a real estate broker in Poughkeepsie for ten years, and for a similar length of time owned and operated a one hundred and thirty-three-acre farm in Dutchess County. He served the Union in the Civil War as a member of the 156th Regiment of Infantry, beginning in October, 1861, and continuing until the close of hostilities, being promoted to first lieutenant for gallantry on the field of action at the battle of Port Hudson. Under General Sherman, he made the historic march from Atlanta to the sea. Colonel Burnett, by virtue of his father's service in the Civil War, has been actively identified with Hamilton-Sleight Post of Sons of Union Veterans. He has resided in Poughkeepsie most of his life and has been very active in all civic, fraternal and military affairs for the past forty years.

Public schools of Poughkeepsie provided William L. Burnett's early formal education through the high school grades, and he later attended army schools for line officers. The army and railroading comprised his major activities in early years. Continuously from 1901 to 1922 he was employed in the operating department of the New York Central Railroad Company, a period of twenty-one years in all, and was elected the first president (Metropolitan Chapter) of the New York Central Veterans Association in 1921. It was in 1922 that he began his present duties as director of public welfare, and in this capacity he has effectively and usefully served the community.

For twenty-five years Colonel Burnett was a member of Company K, New York National Guard. During the

Spanish-American War he was with the 1st Infantry New York Volunteers. Enlisting originally as a private, he held every office of grade and rank, including corporal, sergeant, first sergeant, second and first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel and colonel. Colonel Burnett is a charter member of the Officers Society of the World War and a member of the American Flag Association. He was made commander, some years ago, of Sague Camp, No. 44, of the United Spanish War Veterans. Active in the Orpheus Glee Club, he was its president for eight years. He was president, too, of the Poughkeepsie Kiwanis Club in 1928, and was later elected lieutenant governor of this Kiwanis district. He is a member of Falkill Lodge, No. 397, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member and since 1923 an advisory board member of the Salvation Army, and a past president of the Association of Public Welfare Commissioners. He belongs to Trinity Methodist Church, Poughkeepsie.

In New York City, October 8, 1904, William L. Burnett married Mabel J. Rose, daughter of John W. and Emma (Frear) Rose, of Arlington, New York.

THOMAS SHAKER—Born in the so-called Near East, a school boy in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, and after various connections, acting as the president of an important Poughkeepsie company, these are all features of the career of Thomas Shaker. Down the years he has been actively identified with civic organizations, served during World War I, and enjoys a reputation for business ability, public spirit and generosity in the aid of individuals and charitable groups.

Mr. Shaker was born at Beyrouth (Beirut), Syria, in 1891, and was educated in the public schools of Poughkeepsie. Early in life he began to make a livelihood as an employee of the Lucky Platt Department Store, with which he remained until 1907. In this year he went into the plumbing and heating business with Peter Adriance & Son, Poughkeepsie, continuing for about ten years. In 1917 he joined as a partner, A. C. Smith & Company, of Newburgh, New York, an association that was unbroken for another decade. Since 1927 he has been president of Shaker, Travis & Quinn, of Poughkeepsie.

As already indicated, Mr. Shaker participated in the First World War, and is today a popular figure in the American Legion. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club; is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church, and is one of those volunteer firemen who in former years were so colorful a feature of Hudson River Valley life, himself enjoying with pride the fact that he is a former fire chief, identified with the Booth Hose Company.

In 1922, at Poughkeepsie, New York, Thomas Shaker married Catherine V. Carlon, and they are the parents of three children: Helen V., Thomas Robert, and Janet Marie.

A. LEE STICKLE—Following a tradition which frequently is considered New England, but which is equally characteristic of sections of the Hudson River Valley counties, A. Lee Stickle found early in life what he wanted to do and has never deviated from the work then undertaken. He has been connected with the Rhinebeck Savings Bank since young manhood, and over a long period has served it as first vice-president and treasurer. Equally well he has served the community as a civic leader, a promoter of its business development and the welfare of its citizens.

Mr. Stickle was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, August 23, 1890, son of Frank E. and Rosie (Moore) Stickle, both of whom are deceased. His father was a highly respected farmer, horticulturalist and florist. A. Lee Stickle was educated in the grammar and high schools of his birthplace, and his first employment of note was with the Rhinebeck Savings Bank, where he has progressed through all its departments. Since 1918 he has been treasurer of the institution, and since 1931, first vice-president. He is one of the recognized authorities on finance, whose advice is constantly sought by clients of the bank.

However great the pressure of business responsibilities, Mr. Stickle has never neglected opportunities to be of service to the municipality and its people. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Star Institute Library, of Rhinebeck; and is chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross Society. During the First World War he was a first lieutenant of the Home Guard unit in Dutchess County. Fraternally Mr. Stickle is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he lends support to many local organizations and projects that work for the benefit of the community. He is a member of the Reformed Church, Rhinebeck, of which he is an elder and has been treasurer since 1919.

On March 1, 1925, at Rhinebeck, New York, A. Lee Stickle married Marion R. Best, and they are the parents of two children: A. Lee, Jr., and Dirck Best.

JOHN C. GALVIN—A lifelong resident of Dutchess County, John C. Galvin, of Hughsonville, is at the age of eighty still vitally interested in the welfare of the people in the community of which he is a part. Mr. Galvin was for nearly half a century employed upon the Bodine estate, along the Hudson River, serving first as gardener, and later as superintendent. He retired from that position in 1929. In the will of Mr. Bodine, who died in the year mentioned, was a provision which

provided that Mr. Galvin should have a monthly salary of two hundred dollars as long as he lived. Mr. Galvin has been associated with business institutions of this district, and is a member of local fraternal and social organizations.

Mr. Galvin was born at Red Hook, on February 18, 1863, son of Patrick and Sarah (Corlett) Galvin, both now deceased. His father was superintendent of the Astor estate for forty years prior to his death. John C. Galvin grew up at Red Hook, and was a student in the public schools there, at which he received the customary general education.

At the age of twenty-nine, he became employed as a gardener at the Grinnell estate along the Hudson. Shortly afterwards he was advanced to the position of superintendent of the estate, just prior to Mr. Grinnell's death, and continued there with Mr. Bodine. That post he continued to occupy until 1929, when he retired. The provision made by Mr. Bodine's will provided for a comfortable existence for Mr. Galvin for the rest of his life. At the time of his retirement from the management of the estate, Mr. Galvin had been working there for nearly fifty years.

In spite of his retirement, Mr. Galvin is still actively interested in his duties as a member of the board of trustees of the Wappinger Bank of Wappingers Falls, in which he has been a trustee for twenty-three years. He is a life member of the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a life member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is well known throughout the district, and is popular among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

John C. Galvin married Anne Corke, of Rhinebeck, New York, who is now deceased. She was the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Schryver) Corke. There were no children of this marriage, but Mr. Galvin has a number of nieces and nephews.

WILLIAM J. EAGAN—Long a resident of Wappingers Falls, William J. Eagan has brought to the post-mastership of this community the benefits of a sound business background. Serving in this responsible position since 1935, he received his appointment personally from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the two men having long been friends in Dutchess County.

Mr. Eagan was born March 20, 1885, in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, son of Edward W. and Sarah A. (Kennedy) Eagan, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a carpenter.

Public schools of Wappingers Falls, his birthplace, provided William J. Eagan's early formal education. In young manhood he was employed by the Dutchess Bleachery, Inc., of this place. Remaining there for three years, he then spent more than fourteen years as a partner with



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a Mr. McCaffry in a general construction business in Wappingers Falls. For five further years he was assistant superintendent of the bleachery, so continuing until his appointment as postmaster in 1935. On January 20, 1940, he was made permanent postmaster under civil service provisions, and he so continues down to the time of writing.

In addition to his other community activities in Wappingers Falls, Mr. Eagan has been a member of the local engine company since 1908 and has been active in fire-fighting efforts and undertakings. He is a member of the Wappingers Falls Lions Club, and since 1906 of the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1910 William J. Eagan married Mary A. McCarty. They became the parents of one son, William J. Eagan, Jr., who was born March 20, 1916. After completing his preliminary studies, William J. Eagan, Jr., became a student at Manhattan College, New York City, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1939. Then he was graduated from the law school of Fordham University, New York, in 1942, taking the Bachelor of Laws degree. He is serving in the United States Army Air Corps at the time of writing.

REV. JAMES ANTHONY DUNNIGAN—For years a substantial contributor to spiritual growth and improvement in the communities where he has lived and served, the Rev. James Anthony Dunnigan is now pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Evangelist, in Beacon, New York.

Father Dunnigan was born December 3, 1888, at No. 428 East Twenty-second Street, New York City, son of James and Mary Agnes (Berrigan) Dunnigan. His father was a marble cutter and setter, as well as a builder. He also saw service in the Spanish-American War, and was for eleven years a member of the Fighting Irish 69th Regiment, of New York City.

Father Dunnigan received his early formal education at Public School No. 3, Fox and Simpson streets, New York City, continuing there through the fifth grade. He was graduated in 1903 from Public School No. 22, at Third Avenue and 169th Street, in the Bronx, New York City, and had a term at Morris High School, Boston Road and 169th Street, New York. Between 1904 and 1910 he attended Cathedral College, at No. 462 Madison Avenue, New York, and, after graduation there, in 1910, he studied at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York, until 1916. On June 17, 1916, the Rev. James A. Dunnigan was ordained by Cardinal John A. Farley in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. Since that time he has been continuously active in Catholic work. He was, first of all, assistant pastor of St. Raphael's Church, No. 502 West Forty-first Street, New

York, afterward serving as assistant pastor at the Church of St. Francis de Sales, No. 135 East Ninety-sixth Street; St. Rita's Church, No. 448 College Avenue, Bronx, New York; St. Angela Merici Church, Morris Avenue and 163d Street, Bronx; and SS. Peter and Paul's Church, No. 833 St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx.

Proceeding next to Montgomery, New York, he served there as administrator of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary. Then he was pastor of St. Denis' Church, Sylvan Lake, Hopewell Junction, New York, and subsequently pastor of St. Clement's Church, Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, New York City. From Staten Island, Father Dunnigan came to Beacon to be pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church here. And here he has continued down to the time of writing.

In addition to his service to his own parish in Beacon, Father Dunnigan has been active in a number of Catholic organizations. He is a member of Beacon Council of the Knights of Columbus, and in the Knights of Columbus holds the fourth degree in Archbishop Corrigan Assembly. He has served as chaplain of the Veterans' Corps of the 69th Regiment. In New York City he served, too, as commandant of the Catholic Boys' Brigade. He was chaplain of the Court of Ave Maria, of the Catholic Daughters of America, both senior and junior courts, as well as chaplain of the Bronx County Post of the American Legion and of Post No. 95 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the St. Raphael's Boys' Club, the St. Angela Merici Boys' Club and the De Sales Lyceum.

WILLIAM J. CLARK—As agricultural agent of Rockland County, William J. Clark has his headquarters in Nanuet, and here has performed a highly valuable service to his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Clark was born at Eden, Vermont, March 9, 1902, son of the late Nathan W. and Frances (Shute) Clark. His father, a native of Vermont, was active in agricultural affairs for many years in that State, and was prominent in Democratic party affairs and county chairman of the party organization there. He died in 1907. The mother, Mrs. Frances (Shute) Clark, resided in Hardwick, Vermont, until her death, December 30, 1943.

Public schools of Craftsbury, Vermont, provided William J. Clark's early formal education, and he afterward studied at the State College of Agriculture, University of Vermont, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science there in 1926. In 1926 and 1927 he was associated with the Chase Brothers Nurseries, at Honeoye Falls, New York. Then, until 1929, he was manager of a fruit farm at Old Chatham, in that State. From 1929 to 1936 he served as assistant county agricultural agent in Ulster County, New York. Then, in 1936, he became agricultural agent in Rockland County, so continuing down to the time of writing.

Mr. Clark has always been intensely interested in the farmer and his problems, and is fond of outdoor life. He does a great deal of gardening in leisure time, and enjoys hunting. He belongs to the Pearl River Rotary Club. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was raised in Ulster Lodge, No. 193, Saugerties, New York, later being transferred to Athelstan Lodge, in Spring Valley. He belongs to the Methodist Church. In student years at the University of Vermont, Mr. Clark was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and during the First World War he took cadet training in high school. He joined the Alpha Zeta fraternity in school days, and is a member of the national agricultural fraternity of Epsilon Sigma Psi.

William J. Clark married, March 10, 1928, at the chapel of the University of Vermont, Carolyn Jameson Strong, of Northfield, that State, graduated from the University of Vermont in 1926. They became the parents of two children: 1. Elaine B., born December 24, 1930, at Hurley, New York. 2. William Jameson, born November 18, 1937, in Kingston, New York.

JOHN C. TRAPHAGEN—Long active in banking and financial affairs, John C. Traphagen, of West Nyack, is extensively engaged in business activities in New York City, with offices at No. 48 Wall Street. He is president of the Bank of New York and serves on the directorates of many large corporate organizations.

Mr. Traphagen was born October 20, 1889, in Nyack, New York, son of William C. and Caroline Ross (Maxwell) Traphagen. Nyack schools provided his early formal education, and after graduation from high school there he became a student at the School of Commerce of New York University. In the academic year 1916-17 he also lectured at the university. In 1934 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York. He began his business career with the bond house of George C. White, Jr., & Company, in New York, then became president of the Bank of New York in March, 1931.

So continuing today, Mr. Traphagen is also a trustee of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, the Sun Insurance Office, Ltd., the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and the Seamen's Bank for Savings. He is also a director of the Bankers' & Shippers' Insurance Company of New York, the Jersey Insurance Company of New York, the Nyack Bank & Trust Company, the Eagle Fire Company, the Norwich Fire Insurance Society, Ltd., the Hudson Insurance Company, the Foreign Bondholders' Protective Council, Inc., the Caledonian-American Insurance Company, the American Agricultural Chemical Company, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, the Caledonian Insurance Company and the Hackensack Water Company.

In addition to his activities in the business and industrial sphere, Mr. Traphagen is deeply concerned with social and civic affairs. He is a trustee of the Stevens Institute of Technology and the Young Women's Christian Association, and is a trustee and finance committeeman of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. He belongs to the Holland Society, St. Andrew's Society, the Hudson River Society, the Rockland County Society, the Lunch Club, the Union Club, the Century Club and the Down Town Association.

John C. Traphagen married, in June, 1920, Janet McAdam Voorhis. The Traphagens live in West Nyack, as indicated above.

GEORGE W. ABBOTT—A native of Hughsonville, George W. Abbott has continued here throughout a long lifetime, during which he has been occupied as a contractor and building construction worker. Among the buildings for which he has been responsible are those on many of the large estates in this vicinity along the Hudson River. He is active in civic, educational and religious affairs of his district, and has long been one of the leading spirits in such work in the Hughsonville area.


Mr. Abbott was born November 22, 1871, at Hughsonville, son of George H. and Henrietta (Stafford) Abbott, both now deceased. His father, long a resident of Hughsonville, was engaged in business here as a carpenter and builder.

George W. spent his early years at Hughsonville, and studied for a time in the public schools here. After a short primary education, he learned the carpenter's trade, as an apprentice working with his father at Hughsonville. Gradually he worked into the general construction business, in which he has since enjoyed noted success. Mr. Abbott has built many of the mansions located on the large estates along the Hudson River. The last and most prominent of these are on the Reese estate in Hughsonville. This estate, which is valued at about one million dollars, is exclusively developed by building for which Mr. Abbott is responsible. Mr. Abbott's work on other estates includes some on the W. P. Clyde property and Temple Bodine property.

Mr. Abbott is a member of the board of trustees of the Wappinger Savings Bank. He is a trustee and vice-president of the Wappingers Falls Cemetery Association, trustee of the Grinnell Wappingers Falls Library Association; served over twenty-five years on the board of trustees of the Hughsonville public school, and is a member of the Hughsonville Fire Company. His social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and in the Lions Club.

On October 29, 1905, at Hughsonville, George W. Abbott was married to Violetta Pulling, and they are



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the parents of two daughters: 1. Edna, who is a teacher in the Wappingers Falls Central School. 2. Kathryn, who is the owner of a small hardware store here. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are communicants of the Presbyterian Church of Wappingers Falls, and are active together in affairs of their community. Mr. Abbott has been superintendent of the Sunday school for the past fifty-one years, and although the church here has been closed for the past fifteen years, he has continued to conduct the Sunday school every week during this time.

ROBERT GAIR COMPANY, Inc.—The rise of what has become an important industry—the making of folding paperboard cartons—is almost wholly of the past half century, although paper boxes in general have a more extended history. The Robert Gair Company, Inc., plant at Piermont, Rockland County, is the largest of its kind in the United States in this industry.

The story of this corporation begins with Civil War times, when in 1864, Robert Gair began making and distributing paper bags and boxes in New York City. In 1879 he invented a method of cutting and creasing cardboard (paperboard) in one operation, thereby making possible the mass production of folded paper cartons inexpensive, and greatly advancing the field for this product. Manufacturing plants were established in Brooklyn, and the Robert Gair Company became a big customer of mills turning out cardboard. It was this growing demand that ultimately led to the removal, in 1927, of the whole folding carton equipment of the corporation from Brooklyn to Piermont, Rockland County.

The principal reason for this removal was the fact that a Piermont organization, acquired by Gair in 1920, manufactured much of the cardboard that the main plant used, and transportation costs entered vitally into the picture. Another factor was the advantages of a fine natural and artificial site for a large industry at Piermont. These things came to be in this way. In 1853 the Erie Railroad constructed tracks from up-State New York to a terminus on the Hudson River at Piermont, because it had failed to secure a charter permitting it to traverse any but New York State. Hence the logical place to end its rails was at Piermont, which derived its name from the long dock the railroad built out in the river for the boats that conveyed passengers and freight the remaining twenty-five miles to the metropolis. Political adjustments enabled the Erie to build on to Jersey City and when, in 1862, the terminal of the road was removed to that city, Piermont was left with acres of railroad yards no longer of any use to the Erie System.

The wide flat area was, however, an exceptionally fine site for industrial plants and on it was built the first paper mill by the Piermont Paper Company, manufacturing paperboard that operated from 1902 for nearly twenty years. The Robert Gair Company eventually bought the

most of its product, and when economy and consolidation became the big words in the early 1920s the Piermont Paper Company merged with the Robert Gair Company, and in 1927 all the Gair folding carton equipment was moved to Piermont.

As is frequently true of the large industrial concerns, the Robert Gair Company, Inc., has, in its successful operation, contributed immensely to the wealth and prosperity of the place in which it is located. As of 1941, the corporation employed about nine hundred people to whom were paid about a million and a half dollars annually. The company's taxes cover more than a quarter of the expenses of the government at Piermont, with large sums going to the county and the State. At that time, 1941, the Robert Gair Company was making and selling to the trade hundreds of millions of folding cartons that are now so much a part of the distribution of all manner of materials, chiefly foods, to the people of the United States.

There are over one thousand four hundred employees of the company serving in the United States forces of the Second World War, and over three hundred men from the Gair Piermont plant alone.

ALICE DIVINE, M. D.—A member of one of the most noteworthy families of Ellenville, Ulster County, members of which have been identified over a long period with a pioneer and important industry, Alice Divine, M. D., has achieved a career in her own right worthy of the best traditions of her people. In a day when professional women, particularly in medicine, were few and none too generously accepted, she studied medicine and within a few years will be able to celebrate a half century of the practice of her profession in southeastern New York. She is not only well reputed among colleagues and clients and a member of several medical associations, but is especially esteemed for contributions to charitable and social activities.

Dr. Divine is the daughter of Dwight and Millicent Jane (Hatch) Divine. A biography of her brother, Charles Dwight Divine, can be found in this volume, that contains and includes material about the father of them both. The family is of French-Huguenot descent, members having come to America prior to the Revolution. Dwight Divine came to Ellenville, Ulster County, New York, in 1871, and purchased a foundry of long standing, wherein was initiated a concern making cutlery. This was the genesis of the Ellenville Knife Company, now known as the Ulster Knife Company. It is said to be the oldest knife company in the United States to have been in continuous operation. It has employed a large number of people and has been outstanding in its contribution to the prosperity and welfare of the community.

Dr. Alice Divine was not content to enjoy simply the social privileges which were her right by inheritance, and

decided to enter the medical profession. After completing her formal education, she entered the Medical College of New York Infirmary for Women and Children, in 1895, and was graduated in 1900, from Cornell University, a Doctor of Medicine. The former institution was the first established in New York City for the medical instruction of women. Dr. Divine is a popular member of the Ulster County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. She is prominent in the Republican party and is vice-chairman of the Ulster County Republican Committee. Dr. Divine was a charter member and since its organization, the regent of the Major Dwight Divine Chapter, Daughters of the Union, 1861-65.

J. RALPH TRURAN—A native of Brewster, Putnam County, and a resident of this section over a number of years is J. Ralph Truran.

He was born November 19, 1887, son of James G. and Mary E. (Pollard) Truran. His mother came originally from Virginia. His father, now deceased, was born in Cornwall, England, and migrated to the United States as a very young man. He was lured by the gold strikes in California of 1849, and made his way West seeking fortune. Like many of his companions he failed to find riches and returned East, where for a period of nearly four decades he was identified with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad as chief car inspector. J. Ralph Truran has four brothers, three of whom—J. Howard, Clifford P. and Harold B., reside in Brewster. Ernest A. lives in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

J. Ralph Truran, of this record, was encouraged to acquire the best education, formal and technical, and did so, mainly on his own initiative and work. He was graduated from the grade and high schools of Brewster; matriculated at Syracuse University, where he received a degree in civil engineering, and from 1909 to 1921 was in the employ of the New York Central Railroad System as a civil engineer. From 1921 to 1923 he was associated with L. C. Holden, a New York City architect, acting as building superintendent of construction. From 1923 to 1935 Mr. Truran was local agent of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, in Brewster. A man of vision and enterprise, he became impressed with the attractiveness of this part of Putnam County, and since 1935 to the present he has been engaged in a general real estate and insurance business in Brewster.

Public-spirited and a progressive in local life and affairs, Mr. Truran was elected in 1936, assessor of the town of Southeast, an office to which he has since been returned by the electorate. Fraternally he is affiliated with Croton Lodge, No. 368, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, an office to which he was returned in 1944. He is president of the Lions Club, chosen in 1944, and is one of the most progressive mem-

bers in this organization. In these global war times, Mr. Truran has rendered noteworthy services. He has served as chief observer with the United States Air Force in the Brewster area. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Church, being a member of the local church and acting as its financial secretary. There are few religious and humanitarian organizations and endeavors to which Mr. Truran does not lend his hearty support.

January 1, 1916, at New Milford, Connecticut, J. Ralph Truran married Ada C. Brown, a native of this place, daughter of Henry S. and Camilla E. (Read) Brown. Mrs. Truran is a registered nurse, a graduate of the school of nursing, Yale University. Mr. and Mrs. Truran are the parents of four children, all born at Brewster: 1. John Ralph, Jr., born February 3, 1917; a graduate of Brewster grade and high schools, and of New York University. Prior to his enlistment in the United States Army, he was employed as an accountant with the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, New York City. He is now serving overseas, with Headquarters Company, 1st United States Army. 2. Mary Alice, born August 23, 1920; a graduate of the grade and high schools of Brewster, who married Captain Donald B. McLagan, United States Army Air Corps, and is the mother of a daughter, Donna Mae, born at Miami, Florida, August 10, 1943. 3. W. Henry, born June 16, 1923; graduate of Brewster grade and high schools; and from New York University as an aeronautical engineer, class of 1944, to enter the United States Army Air Corps. 4. Janet, born January 5, 1927, attending Brewster High School.

LESLIE K. PALEN—Operating the Spaulding Drug Store, in Cold Spring, Leslie K. Palen is one of this community's leading business men and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Palen was born October 25, 1883, in Middletown, Orange County, New York, son of Frank W. and Ella (Rogers) Palen. His father was a native of Fallsburgh, New York, and was for years engaged in business as an accountant. The mother was born in Middletown, New York. Both are now deceased, their remains lying at rest in Tekamah, Nebraska.

Public schools of Middletown provided Leslie K. Palen's early formal education, and afterward he became a student at the New York College of Pharmacy, where he was graduated in 1904. In boyhood he went to work for J. Erskine Mills, of Middletown, serving as a drug clerk. Prior to that time he spent ten years in Nebraska, where his family took up their residence in 1890. In 1900 he returned to Middletown and became associated with Mr. Mills. After four years there, he was associated from 1905 to 1912 with the Middletown drug house of McMonagle & Rogers as a registered pharma-



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cist. Then, until 1916, he was a pharmacist at Piermont, in Rockland County, associated with Newton Cornell. It was in 1916 that Mr. Palen purchased the Spaulding Drug Store in Cold Spring, and down to the time of writing he has operated this store.

In a variety of ways he has effectively served his community and district. He has a number of other business interests, being a director of the Beacon Savings Bank, Beacon, New York. Formerly he spent four years as town clerk of Phillipstown, in Putnam County, so continuing from 1928 to 1932. He was for two years a trustee of the village of Cold Spring. For six years he was a school trustee here. Serving with the New York State Guard, he is with the 24th Separate Company as a sergeant in the medical corps. Mr. Palen belongs to Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In 1944-45 he became president of the Lions Club of Cold Spring. He belongs also to the Presbyterian Church of which he is a trustee. Fishing and gardening are among his favorite occupations.

Leslie K. Palen married, in 1906, in Middletown, New York, Della Rodgers, of Middletown, daughter of William and Mae Rodgers. Mrs. Palen is active in the Order of Eastern Star, being a Past Matron of her chapter. The Palens became the parents of two children: 1. Richard G., born in Middletown, studied in public schools of Cold Spring through the high school grades, then entered Columbia University, New York City; he is associated in business with his father at the time of writing; he married Dorothy Schatzle, daughter of Philip Schatzle, of Cold Spring. 2. Ruby E., born in Middletown, attended grammar and high schools here, became the wife of Stephen G. Smith, of Cold Spring and the mother of their son, Roger W. Smith, born February 24, 1938, in Cold Spring.

REV. LEO EDWARD RYAN—In Cold Spring, the Rev. Leo Edward Ryan, S. T. B., S. T. L., is pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. His service to this parish and to the spiritual life of the community has been of outstanding value, earning for him wide admiration, respect and confidence.

Father Ryan was born September 5, 1883, in New York City, son of John S. and Ellen (Butterley) Ryan. His father, born in Bangor, Maine, was an inventor by occupation, builder of the first high-pressure water system about forty years ago. He was an outstanding chess player of his time, playing in the first international table chess match at the Manhattan Chess Club. Both parents are now deceased, and their remains lie at rest in Calvary Cemetery, Long Island City.

Father Ryan was formerly educated at parochial schools in New York City, where he attended St. Francis Xavier High School and St. Francis Xavier College. For his professional training he entered Dunwoodie Seminary,

Dunwoodie, New York, and he studied between 1907 and 1909 at the Catholic University, in Washington, District of Columbia. Ordained July 17, 1907, at St. Stephen's Church, New York, by the late Bishop Thomas F. Cusack, D. D., auxiliary bishop of New York, he served as curate under the Rev. Dennis McMahon at the Church of the Epiphany, New York City, between 1909 and 1915. Between 1915 and 1927 he was assigned to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, at 71st Street and Broadway, where he carried on his work under the guidance of the Right Rev. Monsignor William J. Guinan, D. D.

Coming in 1927 to Cold Spring, Father Ryan has since that time been pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. He has done much to further the upbuilding of this church, and has earned the respect, admiration and confidence of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life.

EDWARD T. MCGILL—For years active in the commercial life of Kingston, Edward T. McGill was a substantial contributor to this region of New York State. He was a dealer in coal, feed and dairy products, and in a variety of ways served the district in which he lived and worked, earning thereby the warm admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was loved by many friends and found them appreciative of his excellent qualities of character and personality.

Mr. McGill was born November 21, 1872, in Kingston, New York, son of Patrick and Mary (O'Donnell) McGill. His father was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and his mother in County Clare. The parents came to the United States about 1858, and chose Kingston as their home. The father's first employment was with the Rhinebeck ferry, and during the Civil War he served with the 120th Regiment of New York Infantry until honorably discharged. Afterward he was with S. Abby & Son, wholesale flour and feed dealers. Then, after a few years, he became a milk dealer in his own right, gradually adding a full line of dairy products to the business which he successfully conducted for the rest of his life. He originally had quarters at No. 204 Broadway, Kingston, but later removed to Nos. 537-39 Broadway, there remaining. He was fifty-eight years old at the time of his death. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, in Kingston, to which he donated a memorial window and also St. Joseph's altar. Patrick and Mary (O'Donnell) McGill became the parents of four children: 1. Anna C., died in 1911. 2. Mary E., who took up her residence at the family home in Kingston. 3. Edward T., of further mention. 4. William J., who graduated from St. Mary's College, Montreal, and attended St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, New York, where he was ordained priest in 1883, then assisted the Rev. Charles M.

O'Keefe at St. Raymond's Church, in Westchester, Westchester County, New York, for five years, while serving at the same time as chaplain at the Catholic Protectory there; he continued as Father O'Keefe's assistant when Father O'Keefe was appointed to establish the parish of St. Charles Borromeo, Seventh Avenue and 141st Street, New York, then later was called to Whiteport, Ulster County, where he founded a parish and headed it, while at the same time he became pastor of Rosendale parish after Father Gleason's death, having charge of both parishes until his death, July 24, 1895.

Edward T. McGill attended a parochial school at Kingston and studied at the Christian Brothers' Academy here. He was employed by his father in the dairy business, all the details of which he learned, gradually assuming more and more responsibilities with relation to operation of the enterprise. At the elder man's death Edward T. McGill was thus able to take full charge of the establishment, to which he added a coal department. After a time the milk department of this firm was consolidated with the Kaufman Creamery, and still later the late John G. Van Etten joined the firm, which then came to be known as the Kaufman Dairy & Ice Cream Company. Subsequently Mr. McGill and Judge John G. Van Etten built a new dairy on Downs Street, whereupon the style was changed to the Kingston Dairy & Ice Cream Company.

Remaining a member of the company until 1925, Mr. McGill then sold his interest in the business to John E. Craft. The organization at that stage was given the name of Dairymen's League. Mr. McGill's other interests figured thenceforth in Dairymen's League activities. He owned, for instance, the property at Nos. 537-39 Broadway, Kingston, with a frontage of one hundred feet on Broadway and a depth of 223 feet. The property offered excellent loading and shipping facilities, with spur track connections with the New York Central Railroad and large bins for coal storage purposes. Deliveries were made by automobile trucks and horse-drawn vehicles. At the rear of his property Mr. McGill had substantial modern warehouses, used for storage of large quantities of flour, feed and dairy goods. As a director of the Kingston Trust Company, Mr. McGill took an active rôle in the financial life of the dairy industry and of the entire Kingston community.

Like other members of his family, Mr. McGill was a devout Catholic, member of St. Mary's Church, Kingston. He was a charter member of the Kingston Council of Knights of Columbus, was for some years president of the Merchants' Protective Association of Kingston, and also served on the board of managers of Kingston Hospital.

A man of action, he contributed much to his city and district, and his death, on March 8, 1941, at Kingston,

was an occasion of deep sorrow and regret. Kingston today bears many evidences of the value of his service, and he will long be affectionately remembered by his contemporaries and fellow-citizens in all walks of life.

CORYELL CLARK, M. D.—Carrying on an extensive practice of medicine and surgery, Dr. Coryell Clark centers his work in Cold Spring.

Dr. Clark was born November 29, 1879, in Windham, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, son of William H. and Fannie (Coryell) Clark. His father was a native Pennsylvanian and a farmer, formerly postmaster of Nichols, New York, which was the mother's birthplace.

Dr. Coryell Clark attended Nichols Union High School, in Nichols, New York, where he was graduated in 1896. He then entered the school of medicine of Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1900 as a Doctor of Medicine. Serving a two-and-one-half-year internship at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, he came to Cold Spring on February 22, 1903, and established his offices as a physician and surgeon. He continues this work today, and is chairman of the board of trustees of Butterfield Memorial Hospital here, as well as a member of the medical and surgical staff of this hospital.

During the First World War, Dr. Clark was a volunteer in the medical service corps of the army. Formerly he was president of the Putnam County Medical Society, and he also is a member of the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Adding other undertakings to his office practice, associational work and hospital service, Dr. Clark has been health officer at Cold Spring since 1912, and has been the New York Central Railroad surgeon for this district for the past twenty years. Formerly he was president of the Haldane School Board here and for four years a trustee of that board. Since 1924 Dr. Clark has been president of the National Bank of Cold Spring-on-the-Hudson. At the time of writing he is a medical examiner in the selective service system, connected with Draft Board No. 301, Carmel, repeating in this sense a service that he rendered also in the First World War. Dr. Clark is a member of Cold Spring Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he belongs to the Methodist Church. Banking is a spare-time interest of Dr. Clark, who has delved into the history and practice of banking as a hobby and greatly enjoys his work with the local bank with which he is associated.

On January 26, 1907, at Cold Spring, Dr. Coryell Clark married Katharine Campbell, of Cold Spring, New York, daughter of the late Brigadier General John Campbell, a United States Army surgeon, and Mary (Price) Campbell.

LUCIEN A. HOLD—The career of Lucien A. Hold, president of the Cold Spring Lumber Company, of Putnam County, New York, has many interesting features. His background is foreign—France and Switzerland. His father was an expert in the field of lumber, and no doubt taught his son many of the things that later were used to great advantage in the utilization of one of the foremost natural resources of the United States. The elder man represented Switzerland in many cities of the world; the son was of the age that went into World War I, and Lucien A. Hold gave long service to the armed forces of his adopted country. After a number of years of identification with a large lumber company of New York City, he assumed the management, and later became president of his present Putnam County enterprise.

Mr. Hold was born in Paris, France, on August 28, 1894, son of Henry and Annie (Henry) Hold, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in New York City. His father, a native of Switzerland, served as Swiss Consul in many different places, including cities in the United States. He had learned forestry in his own country and held a high rating on timber and lumber products, especially those of foreign countries. Later in life he engaged in agriculture.

Lucien A. Hold was educated under private tutors and in private schools of Paris, France, for a number of years. He came with his family to New York City in about 1908, and continued his preparatory education until 1915, when he matriculated at Columbia University, New York City, where he pursued special courses. His first employment of note was with J. H. Monteath, in New York City. After a year with this lumber firm, he became associated with his father for about another year. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Army for service during World War I, with the Forestry Corps of Engineers, and went overseas in the following year. After eighteen months with the armed forces he was honorably discharged with the rank of regimental sergeant major.

Upon returning to civilian life, Lucien A. Hold resumed his association with his father as a lumber broker. He then organized the Hold-Meredith Lumber Corporation, of New York City in 1923. Some years later, after the liquidation of this firm, he came to Putnam County to take over the active management of the Cold Spring Lumber Company, of which he had been president over a long period. He likewise is treasurer of this important concern. In civic life Mr. Hold is prominently connected with a number of community organizations and movements. He is chairman of the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross; is a past commander of Marne Post of the American Legion; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was vice-president of

the Carmel Country Club. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In New York City, August 27, 1921, Lucien A. Hold married Hildegard Handley, daughter of the late Richard and Mary L. Handley, of Hauppauge, Long Island, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Lucien A., Jr., born November 11, 1922, attended Allen-Stevenson School for Boys, is a graduate of the Lenox School, Lenox, Massachusetts; and attended Duke University for one year prior to enlistment in the United States Army Signal Corps for World War II service. 2. Robert Handley, born October 29, 1926, an undergraduate at Lenox School, Lenox, Massachusetts. 3. Nancy Jane, born August 11, 1932, attended Spence School, and is now a student at Drew Seminary, Carmel, New York.

THOMAS W. JAYCOX—For nearly a quarter of a century, Thomas W. Jaycox has been engaged in merchandising in Nelsonville, Putnam County, New York. Down through the years he has become a most important factor in the community, as were his ancestors, and those of his wife, in this part of southeastern New York. His grandfather was prominent in the Highland section of the Hudson River Valley, a commissioner of highways and county commissioner, as a resident of Philipstown, Putnam County, an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that place. His son Seward, is a foremost business man in Philipstown. The son of this record, has added to the tradition and achievements of his forebears by his activities in commerce, civic affairs and social organizations.

Thomas W. Jaycox was born at Nelsonville, town of Philipstown, Putnam County, May 21, 1893, son of Seward and Mary Elizabeth (Forman) Jaycox. His father, who is interested in the ice and coal business in Philipstown, where the elder man is a native son, encouraged his son of this review, to prepare himself soundly for a business career. Thomas W. Jaycox attended the district school of his birthplace, before attending the Haldane High School, of Cold Spring. He then entered the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, where he received his diploma in 1911. In this noted school of business administration, Mr. Jaycox met men from all over the United States and made friendships that were long continued.

His first employment of note was with the New York Central Railroad System, which was continued from 1913 to 1917. During the following three years he was an inspector with the Ordnance Department of the United States. In 1920, Mr. Jaycox became the owner of a general store in Nelsonville, which he has operated most successfully since that time. Constructive citizenship is a tradition of his family, and without being politically ambitious he has served the community well

in several capacities. He has been a member of the Nelsonville Fire Department over a long period and has served as treasurer of the village of Nelsonville. Mr. Jaycox has been a trustee of the Fishkill Savings Institute, since 1931; and a member of the board of trustees of the Cold Spring Cemetery since the beginning of 1932. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. His favorite diversion is fishing, and he is a popular figure in the Fish and Fur Club of Nelsonville.

At Cold Spring, New York, September 15, 1920, Thomas W. Jaycox married Ethel Hustis, of North Highland, town of Philipstown, New York, daughter of George E. and Mina (Horton) Hustis. Mrs. Jaycox is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The great-grandfather of Mrs. Ethel (Hustis) Jaycox, Samuel Hustis, farmed the old ancestral estate for most of his mature years. He married Elizabeth Hustis, daughter of David Hustis, a distant relative, and they became the parents of three sons, William, David and Harvey Hustis. The latter-named was the grandfather of Mrs. Jaycox, and the father of George E. Hustis, former supervisor of the town of Philipstown, and one of its outstanding citizens, who died at the age of seventy-nine years on March 31, 1944. He was born at North Highland, New York, September 17, 1864. He was trustee of the Fishkill Savings Institute, supervisor for two terms, member of the Philipstown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and a communicant of the North Highland Methodist Episcopal Church.

RALPH J. LATHROP—Ralph J. Lathrop is one of the citizens of Carmel, Putnam County, who conducts his business in New York City. He is a native of the Middle West, and educated there. He was born in Afton, Wisconsin, July 4, 1892, son of Fred D. and Margaret L. (Van Antwerp) Lathrop, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a railroad telegrapher.

After attending the public schools of his birthplace, Ralph L. Lathrop matriculated at Notre Dame University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During the following year Mr. Lathrop enlisted in the United States Army and served throughout World War I. He was attached to the 47th Infantry, 4th Division, Regular Army, from which he received his honorable discharge in 1919 with the rank of captain.

Upon his return to civilian life, Ralph J. Lathrop became interested in the insurance business in the Middle West and New York, and in 1928 came to New York City, where he associated with the insurance brokerage firm of Marsh & McLennan. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar Association. Fraternally he is

affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the order including the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His clubs include the Gipsy Trail Club, the Mahopac Golf Club, and the Down Town Athletic Club, New York City. His business headquarters are in New York City, at No. 70 Pine Street; he is a resident of Carmel, Putnam County.

On December 30, 1917, in Wisconsin, Ralph J. Lathrop married Jean M. Brechler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brechler. Mrs. Lathrop has been quite active in the war activities of the American Red Cross.

HIRAM B. ODELL, Jr.—As one of the younger members of the legal fraternity of Newburgh, Hiram B. Odell, Jr., is notably popular in his profession. He comes from one of the long established and prominent families in the Hudson River Valley who were actively identified with many phases of its development over an extended period.

He is a native of Newburgh (as were his parents), born June 24, 1901, son of Hiram B. and Edith (Booth) Odell. His father, a brother of former Governor Benjamin B. Odell, was engaged in the production of ice for local and New York City markets, and a past postmaster of Newburgh. The subject of this record attended the grammar and high schools of his birth city; completed his preparation for college in the Hotchkiss School, and then matriculated at Princeton University, from which he was graduated in 1923, a Bachelor of Arts. For his professional education he entered the University of the City of New York, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, with the class of 1935. During the following year he was admitted to the bar and for about two years practiced his profession with the New York City law firm, Chadbourne, Stanchfield and Levy. Since 1939 he has maintained offices in Newburgh where he has won a reputation that far exceeds the bounds of the city and county.

Mr. Odell was corporation counsel for the municipality of Newburgh; is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Orange County Bar Association, the Newburgh City Bar Society; and his fraternity is Phi Delta Phi. At one time he was a chairman of the Newburgh Community Fund, and for a number of years has been active in the American Red Cross, and was chairman of the war chest. He is Republican in party councils and campaigns, and a member of the Newburgh City Club and the Newburgh Rotary Club. His hobby is music. His religious affiliations are with St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In New York City, on January 23, 1931, Hiram B. Odell married Natalia Mercedes Jova, daughter of Andreas V. and Ethel (O'Dell) Jova. Mr. and Mrs. Odell, Jr., are the parents of a son, Charles Andrew, born April 30, 1937.



William B. Odier



THE REV. RICHARD BRUNNER—As is frequently true of the servants of The Christ in His Church, "Father Richard," as he is universally known to all classes, acquired a wide range of service before being called to duty as the head of the Glen Cliffe Capuchin Monastery, at Garrison, Putnam County.

He was born at Durand, Wisconsin, on September 6, 1889, the youngest of the eleven children of Melchior and Anna (Zeilinger) Brunner. His parents came as young people from Austria, not many years after the American Civil War, when Ulysses S. Grant was President of our country. They soon became accustomed to the ideas and customs of the New World, and were substantial citizens of Durand, where both are now buried. Melchior Brunner was a weaver by trade, and an agriculturalist. It was on his father's farm that Richard Brunner was reared and attended the elementary schools of the section, ultimately being graduated from the township school of Lima, Wisconsin. After completing his studies at St. Lawrence College, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, he entered upon his novitiate at Detroit, Michigan, in 1914. From 1915 to 1918, inclusive, he was in a monastery at Milwaukee, and from 1918 to 1921, was in a monastery at Marathon, Wisconsin.

After long preparation for his work and much service, Richard Brunner was ordained in 1921, at Marathon, and received an appointment to Detroit, where he remained until 1926. He then was sent as a missionary to the Cheyenne Indians in Montana, where he covered a very large territory in his duties from 1926 to 1930. In the latter-named year he was sent to British India, as a missionary, returning to the United States nine years later. During the most of this period, 1939-42, Father Richard was in New York City as assistant pastor of the church, Our Lady of the Angels. Since 1942, he has been Superior of the Glen Cliffe Monastery, at Garrison, Putnam County.

ROBERT G. PLIMPTON—In the Cold Spring sector of Putnam County, Robert G. Plimpton is rated one of its most progressive citizens, a man who, in addition to his activities in connection with his personal interests takes time and opportunity to serve the public in varied and important capacities. He is not, as one might judge from his record, a native of southeastern New York, but of Brimfield, Massachusetts, where he was born July 8, 1895, son of George C. and Emma (Davenport) Plimpton.

Reared on a farm, Robert G. Plimpton attended local schools and was graduated from the Hitchcock Free Academy, Brimfield, with the class of 1913. When he became of age he was operating a general store and was the postmaster at East Brimfield. Then came World War I, and he enlisted for service, being assigned to

the Veterinary Hospital No. 1, in France, and remained overseas to the end of the conflict. After his honorable discharge and his resuming of civilian activities, it was as an executive of the Better Brush Company, with which he remained from 1919 to 1923.

Robert G. Plimpton then returned to his first love, agriculture, and from 1923 to 1926 was farm manager for Arthur D. Pearce, at Salisbury, Connecticut; from 1926 to 1928, he held a similar post on the estate of Ward Belcher, Lakeville, Connecticut. From 1928 to the present writing, 1944, he has been identified with Putnam County enterprises and life. He manages the Glynwood Farm, Cold Spring, for Evelina B. Perkins; and owns a grocery store and delicatessen in Nelsonville, known as the Plimpton Store. Incidentally his establishment is something of a landmark in this part of Putnam County, for it was established by one of the Evans family more than a century ago.

The range of the interests of Mr. Plimpton are unusually large as indicated by the following roster of his connections: Councilman on the town board of Philipstown; deputy sheriff of Putnam County, for a decade; president of the Putnam County Farm Bureau and 4-H Club Association; member of the Cold Spring Lions Club, of the Peekskill Fish and Game Club, and is a forest warden for New York State. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons of Nelsonville, of which he is a Past Master; the Highland Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons, of Newburgh, New York; and the Philipstown Chapter, No. 688, Order of the Eastern Star. His veteran organization memberships include, past commander of the George A. Casey Post, American Legion, county commander of Putnam County American Legion; member of the credential committee of the New York State American Legion; member of the 40 & 8 Society, and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, James Harvey Hustis Post, No. 2362. Mr. Plimpton is a Republican in politics. He belongs to the Methodist Church in Cold Spring, and is the former president of the Men's Club of the church.

At Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts, on October 14, 1916, Robert G. Plimpton married Luvia Meara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noyes Meara, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Robert G., Jr., born October 28, 1920, at Palmer, Massachusetts, and died January 3, 1934. 2. Lois Mearalyn, born at Sharon, Connecticut, April 10, 1925, now attending Cornell University. 3. Oliver, born October 28, 1934, at Cold Spring. Mrs. Plimpton is a Past Matron of Philipstown Chapter, No. 688, Order of the Eastern Star, a past president of George A. Casey Post of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, and is also past president of Putnam County Auxiliary of the American Legion. She is equally active in the civic and social affairs of her community.

NEWELL S. COVERT—By profession a civil engineer, the career of Newell S. Covert has been identified with New York City and Cold Spring, Putnam County, as a construction and valuation engineer. He is especially well known in Southeastern New York in connection with his insurance engineering as a member of the Cold Spring firm of Southard & Covert, Inc., which consists of Mr. Southard, Jr., as president; Newell S. Covert as vice-president; and Mrs. Covert as secretary and treasurer. The corporation deals in insurance—fire, casualty, inland marine, surety, and fidelity coverages.

Mr. Covert is a native of New York City, born there on October 16, 1890, son of Samuel and Electa (Serine) Covert. His father, who was born in Marlboro, in the southern part of Ulster County, lies buried at Cold Spring, Putnam County. His mother, who was born in Poughkeepsie, resides in Cold Spring with her son, as of this record.

Newell S. Covert began his education in local schools, which in this connection means Cold Spring, to which place the family had removed when he was eight years of age. He was graduated from the Haldane High School, with the class of 1907, and matriculated at Cornell University, College of Civil Engineering, class of 1912. Since that time he has been active in his profession in New York City. He spent some ten years in connection with construction of subways, and twenty years assisting in the unification of the rapid transit and street railway systems, so important in the transportation of the immense amount of people who daily move in and out of the city, and to distribute the millions of residents to their various destinations. His personal specialty is that of an expert in appraisal and valuation engineering.

Newell S. Covert is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor. He is a Past Master and treasurer of Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a vestryman, treasurer and lay reader of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Mary's in the Highlands at Cold Spring. His favorite recreations are golf, contract bridge and chess.

In New York City, October 31, 1929, Newell S. Covert married Ethel Van Buren, a native of Brooklyn, New York, daughter of William and Mary Julia (Van Denmark) Van Buren. Mrs. Covert is a former secretary of Philipstown Chapter, No. 688, Order of the Eastern Star, the first secretary and treasurer of The Putnam County Real Estate Board, is treasurer of the village of Cold Spring and is a licensed real estate broker.

H. WALDEN SMITH—Prominent among the business men and civic leaders of Cold Spring, Putnam County, H. Walden Smith has the background of unusually broad experience in affairs. He is a native of

Brooklyn, New York, born April 21, 1897, son of Hubert L. and Stephanie M. (Coster) Smith. His father, born in New York City, died December 17, 1932, and was buried in Monroe, New York, was for thirty-five years deputy comptroller of New York City. The mother came originally from Saratoga, New York, and remains a resident of her native State. She was a horse woman of note in and around Brooklyn, New York, as a member of the Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club.

H. Walden Smith was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, the Manual Training High School, Erasmus Hall High School, and the Heffley Institute, all also of Brooklyn. His first employment of note was with a cotton goods brokerage firm in New York City with which he remained from 1914 to 1916. In the latter year he enlisted in the famous 7th Regiment, National Guard, New York City, which eventually was called for service on the Mexican Border, and afterwards was mustered into the United States Army for World War I service. His unit became the 107th Infantry, and after varied military activities, Mr. Smith was honorably discharged in 1919. Shortly after that he joined the New York State Police, remaining with this fine organization for four years.

In 1925, H. Walden Smith became associated with the d'Humy Management of the enterprise known as "Terminal Garages," operating in various cities, and he gained experience in many parts of the country prior to 1928 when he resigned. From 1929 to 1931 he operated for himself a garage and automobile business in St. Louis, Missouri. For the following decade, Mr. Smith was associated with the large Richfield Oil Corporation, in various capacities. In 1941 he settled in Cold Spring, Putnam County, to manage the T. E. & E. W. Waterbury Oil Corporation, of that community. On May 1, 1944, he acquired the controlling interest of this company, which has since been renamed as the H. W. Smith Oil Company.

Mr. Smith is an exceptionally popular figure in sports circles, especially those that specialize in the use of sails on ice or water. He is a member of the Orange Lake Ice Boat Club, New York, and of the old and noted Monmouth Ice Boat Club, of Red Bank, New Jersey. He is an American Legionnaire of Tuxedo, New York, and a member of the Cold Spring Lions Club. He is liberal in his support of religious and humanitarian works.

On October 19, 1925, in New York City, H. Walden Smith married Lucy Brewster Ball, daughter of George Patterson and Jane (Leonard) Ball, of Tioga County, New York, both now deceased.

REV. WILLIAM MacD. SHARP, S. T. B.—To the service of The Christ and the Church, the Rev. William MacD. Sharp has devoted his life. As a youth and university student, he was a secretary of the Young Men's



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Christian Association. Less than two decades ago, a divinity seminary graduate, he entered upon the more important phases of his career. Since 1940 he has been the rector of St. Philip's Church-in-the-Highlands, in Putnam County, and a prominent figure in the varied activities of the Garrison community, of Putnam County.

The Rev. William MacD. Sharp was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1899, son of James Sharp, retired engineer of the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, and his wife, the former Catherine Douth, a native of Melbourne, Australia. He attended the city public schools and was graduated from the South Philadelphia High School, class of 1917, prior to matriculation at Pennsylvania State College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1921. During his student days influences and activities changed the course of his career. In 1921 he became student secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Purdue University, in Indiana. Later he entered the Philadelphia Divinity Seminary, from which he was graduated with the class of 1925, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology. Then, and later, he pursued postgraduate courses in the University of Pennsylvania. During 1925-1926, he served on the staff of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

It was, therefore, with ample educational and professional preparation and some exceptional experience, that in 1926, the Rev. William MacD. Sharp began to serve on the staff of the Holy Trinity Church, at Philadelphia. From 1932, he was rector of St. Paul's Church, at Aramingo, in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. In 1940, he came to the well-known St. Philip's Church-in-the-Highlands, where, as its rector he has since done most excellent work and is held high in the esteem, not only of his parishioners but of the community at large.

His training, experience and civic-mindedness has frequently led to his drafting for local activities. The Rev. Mr. Sharp is a trustee of the Union Free School Board, of Garrison; he is a popular member of the Lions Club of Cold Spring, vice-chairman of the State Charities Commission, for the Putnam County branch, and is a member of the board of Philipstown Nursing Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with St. Albans Lodge, Philadelphia, Free and Accepted Masons. His favorite recreation is growing things, or on a large scale, farming, an interest dating from student days.

On May 22, 1931, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Rev. William MacD. Sharp married Katherine Kevin, daughter of Dr. Robert O. and Nellie (Krusen) Kevin. Mrs. Sharp is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and the New York School of Social Service. Rev. and Mrs. Sharp are the parents of two daughters: Janice Kevin, born at Philadelphia, March 18, 1933; Patricia Catherine, also born at Philadelphia, June 30, 1935.

HENRY HIRSCHBERG—The name Hirschberg has been connected prominently with the bench and bar of Newburgh, Orange County, New York. Henry Hirschberg, of the second generation in the field of the law, spent some years of his practice in New York City, although he began his career in Newburgh and has been active in the city and county for the past two decades.

Mr. Hirschberg was born in Newburgh, New York, February 12, 1879, son of Michael Henry and Elizabeth (McAlles) Hirschberg. His father, an outstanding figure in Southeastern New York over a long period prior to his demise, was a lawyer of note, district attorney of Orange County for three terms. Special county judge for a term, justice of the Supreme Court for two terms, presiding justice of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, second department, and delegate-at-large to the New York State Constitutional Convention of 1894.

Mr. Hirschberg, after attending the grade schools of Newburgh, New York, was graduated from the Newburgh High School in June, 1897. He then matriculated at the New York Law School from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, graduating with the class of June, 1900. He was admitted to the New York State bar the same year and practiced law in Newburgh until 1903. From 1903 until about 1913 he practiced law in New York City and for a considerable portion of that time was senior member of the law firm of Hirschberg, McCloy and Dollin with offices in Manhattan.

In 1913 he returned to Newburgh, New York, and ever since has been there engaged in the general practice of the law.

He served as district attorney of Orange County, New York, from 1915 to 1918, and again from 1934 to 1942.

He was a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention in 1938.

He is affiliated with Kerem Lodge, Newburgh, Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of the higher bodies of the order including Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, New York City, and a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also a member of the Newburgh Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

His clubs include the Town Hall and Republican Club of New York City and the Selden Society of London, England.

On April 10, 1937, at New Windsor, New York, he married Florence S. Caverly.

IRVING THOMAS DePEW—If, as often is held, a community can be evaluated by the character of its business men, Beacon, Dutchess County, can be ranked high in the annals of New York State. One of the younger generation in the city, who has won his way to leadership and constructive contributions to the development of the city, is Irving Thomas DePew, whose

whole life has been identified with this Mid-Hudson River Valley section.

He was born in Poughkeepsie, August 13, 1910, son of John C. and Ella M. (Clineman) DePew. His father is a safety engineer associated with the DeLaval Separator Company, Inc. The son, with whom this record is primarily concerned, was educated in the grade and high schools of his birth city, and rounded out his preparation for a career in the famous Eastman Business College. For seven years he was in the employ of the Central Hudson Valley Gas & Light Company, chiefly in connection with the gas production and sales departments of the utility corporation. In 1934, he resigned from this position to join Henry E. Emery, to form Emery & DePew, Inc., dealers in real estate and the phases of the business that is a part of such a concern.

Mr. DePew is vice-president and secretary of Emery & DePew, Inc., and is especially active in the promotion of its business.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Improved Order of Red Men. Numbered among his clubs are the Beacon Kiwanis, the Square and the Chelsea Yacht. He is an independent in politics, attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On January 20, 1934, at Poughkeepsie, New York, Irving Thomas DePew married Mabel Howard, daughter of Fred and Mabel (Dobbs) Howard, and they are the parents of one son: John Frederick DePew, born April 26, 1942.

RAYMOND GANO GUERNSEY—A native of Poughkeepsie, Raymond Gano Guernsey has been engaged in the practice of law in this city for almost four decades. In addition to conducting a general legal practice and specializing in probate law, Mr. Guernsey has been prominent in banking circles in Poughkeepsie, and has been a leader in public affairs. Well known throughout the region, he is a member not only of the professional organizations, but also of numerous social bodies.

Mr. Guernsey was born at 75 South Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on August 21, 1873, son of Stephen Gano and Marianna (Hicks) Guernsey. His father was a lawyer and banker, who served as a member of the board of education at Poughkeepsie for one term, and was president of the Poughkeepsie National Bank and its successor, the Poughkeepsie Trust Company, for a period of forty years.

Growing up at Poughkeepsie, Raymond Gano attended the public schools of the city, receiving in them the customary preparatory education. He studied at Phillips-Exeter Academy before entering college. He then matriculated at Yale University, completed the undergraduate curriculum there, and took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the 1902 commencement. For his professional training he turned to the New York Law School, from

which he graduated in 1905. While at Yale University, Mr. Guernsey was captain of the freshman baseball team, and in his senior year was captain of the university baseball team.

He was admitted to the New York State bar in 1905, and began his practice in October of that year. He was engaged in legal work in New York City until October of 1910, at which time he returned to Poughkeepsie to enter partnership with his father, Stephen G. Guernsey, under title of Guernsey and Guernsey.

Since the death of his father, in 1930, Mr. Guernsey has carried on an independent practice. In 1937, Charles A. Butts became associated with him, and within the last year William J. Walsh joined the group. Mr. Guernsey's specialty has been probate law relating to estates and trust funds. From 1923 to 1940, he was a trustee of Vassar College, and was treasurer for much of that period. He has been counsel for Vassar College for about twenty years. He is counsel and a member of the board of directors of the Poughkeepsie Trust Company, of which his father was president. He was a member of the board of education at Poughkeepsie, from 1910 to 1914, and has been a trustee of the Adriance Memorial Library here since 1925.

During the World War, Mr. Guernsey enlisted in the field artillery of the United States Army, on August 21, 1918, and was an officer candidate at the Field Artillery Central Officers' Training School, Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. He was honorably discharged on December 9, 1918. Mr. Guernsey is a member of Lafayette Post of the American Legion, and was commander of the Dutchess County American Legion from 1919 to 1921.

He is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association, in which he has served as president; of the New York State Bar Association, and of the American Bar Association. A member of the Dutchess County Historical Society, he is a former trustee, and has served as president since 1941. He is a member of the National Audubon Society and of the Linnaean Society, and an associate member of the American Ornithological Union.

At Yale, Mr. Guernsey belonged to Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and was a member of the senior society of Skull and Bones. His social affiliations at Poughkeepsie include membership in the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club, in which he has served as president for seven years; the Amrita Club, of which he has been president since 1941; and the Dutchess County Golf & Country Club, of which he was formerly a member. He is a member of the Yale Club of New York. A communicant of the First Congregational Church, at Poughkeepsie, Mr. Guernsey has served as a deacon there for several terms. Throughout the many associations which are evidence of his close identification with the various facets of life of his native

city, Mr. Guernsey has devoted to the tasks assigned to him the same enthusiasm which has been responsible for his professional success.

ELIZABETH BARRY MURPHY—In these days when women have arrived on a plane of equality with men in public and business life, civic and official service, Elizabeth Barry Murphy is an exemplar to the opposite sex in her multifarious activities. Her experience includes connections with varied enterprises, marriage, and political and social endeavors, prior to her recent appointment as postmaster of Beacon, New York. She brought to her governmental duties intelligence, experience and general qualifications that have been manifest in her efficient handling of the post office even as it has been in other phases of life.

Mrs. Murphy was born in Beacon, New York, a daughter of Eugene and Ellen (Farrell) Barry. She attended the schools of her birthplace, was graduated from Fishkill-on-Hudson (now Beacon) High School, and took a secretarial course at night school. She then entered the employ of the New York Rubber Company, in Beacon, and later was associated with the W. A. Jones & Son Insurance Company and the Dutchess Tool Company, both in Beacon. In 1927, she married Joseph Francis Murphy, of whom later, and upon the death of her husband on May 8, 1942, she became acting postmaster (or postmistress) of the Beacon office, later being appointed to her present position, postmaster. Her devotion to her duties has been exceptionally skilled and satisfactory, and she is a most highly esteemed figure in Beacon life and affairs.

Mrs. Murphy has long been interested in politics and good government. She has held office as president of the Women's Democratic Club; also was historian of the Catholic Daughters of America; and was secretary of the Beacon Health Association; is a member of the board of directors of the Infantile Paralysis Fund; has served as chairman of the President's Ball Association; and is very active in the projects of the American Red Cross Society and the Girl Scouts. All of which indicates the breadth of the interests of Mrs. Murphy and the multiplicity of her contributions to the best features of Beacon life.

Elizabeth Barry, on July 11, 1927, was married to Joseph Francis Murphy. Her husband was also a native of Beacon, New York, born there on July 31, 1888, son of Patrick and Mary Jane Murphy, his father being an executive in the brick-making industry. Joseph Francis Murphy completed his education in the Fishkill-on-Hudson High School, now the Beacon High School. He was variously engaged prior to his appointment as postmaster of Beacon, a position he held to his passing. A staunch Democrat, influential in party councils and campaigns, he had been a supervisor from the First Ward

of Beacon for six years. Fraternally Mr. Murphy was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was president of the Tompkins Hose Company, and a member of the Beacon Kiwanis Club. He attended St. John's Catholic Church, in Beacon. There were many who knew him well, and regretted his death on May 8, 1942. He had been a progressive citizen whose contributions to the progress and betterment of his native community had been many and important.

JOHN B. HOPPE—With his home community, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, all of the life and professional activities of John B. Hoppe have been identified. Admitted to the bar in 1925, he has practiced here to date under his own name. He was born in Poughkeepsie, July 4, 1898, son of John Hoppe, for many years a justice of the peace in the municipality and a substantial citizen of the place.

John B. Hoppe attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from Union College with the class of 1920 a Bachelor of Arts. He read law in the offices of William H. Mulney, in Poughkeepsie, and was admitted to the bar in 1925. Later he entered into a partnership, known as Hawley and Hoppe, which has since come rapidly to the fore in the practice of the law. Mr. Hoppe never considered graduation from college, or even the passing of law examinations as the end of his technical education. He continues to be a student of the fundamentals of the law and of its application to specific cases. Devotion to the interests of his clients is one of his outstanding characteristics, although this in no wise prevents him from encouraging those who come to him for advice to settle their difficulties out of court when possible.

Mr. Hoppe is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Dutchess County Bar Association. During the First World War he enlisted in the United States Army, and was a student at the officers school of the field artillery, when the Armistice was signed. After his return to civilian life, he completed his formal education and law studies. He is a member of the American Legion, and fraternally is affiliated with Lodge No. 275, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past ruler. He now belongs to the air control. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On March 27, 1926, at Poughkeepsie, New York, John B. Hoppe married Ann A. Amato, daughter of Michael and Stella Amato.

DANIEL M. KEYES—The name of Daniel M. Keyes is synonymous with constructive enterprise, good government and exemplary citizenship in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York. He was born in Poughkeepsie in this mid-Hudson River Valley, July 30, 1898,

the son of William J. and Annie (Kelly) Keyes. His father, a former superintendent of grounds at Vassar College, and also assistant superintendent of parks for the municipality of Poughkeepsie, is well remembered as a committeeman for the Third Ward, for more than half a century. A native of Ireland, as was his wife, his death December 17, 1937, was sincerely mourned as that of one of the truly notable residents of Poughkeepsie.

Daniel M. Keyes attended St. Peter's Parochial School, in the city, and was graduated from the Poughkeepsie High School with the class of 1918. His serious business experience began with three years in the purchasing department of the Moline Plow Company. While still a young man he became connected with the Patterson Automobile Sales Company, dealers in Ford cars, trucks and tractors, and made a reputation as a salesman. When, in 1927, this firm became the Clinton Motor Company, Mr. Keyes went with the new concern as sales manager and vice-president. In 1932, at the depth of the national depression, he had the courage and foresight to purchase the business, which he renamed the Keyes Motor Sales Company, Inc., and of which he has since been president and treasurer. It has been kept a family concern, with Mrs. Keyes as vice-president and secretary.

In a wide variety of local activities, Mr. Keyes has been to the fore during a long period. He is a stockholder of the First National Bank of Poughkeepsie. Influential in politics as a member of the Democratic party, he was alderman from the Third Ward for two years, 1928-29; alderman-at-large, 1929-31; city chairman of the Democratic organization; police commissioner, 1931-1933, and in the latter year was a candidate for mayor. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 275, in Poughkeepsie, of which he has been exalted ruler and former district deputy, Eastern New York District of the order. Mr. Keyes is a member of the Amrita Club, the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club, the Kiwanis and the Dutchess County Golf Club. His hobby is sports. He worships at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Poughkeepsie. One of the show places of this part of the county is the home of the Keyes, named "Twin Pines."

Mr. Keyes has one brother living, James A. Keyes, who is a general contractor and builder in Poughkeepsie, his business being under the name of James A. Keyes, Contractor and Builder.

At Poughkeepsie, New York, on September 5, 1931, Daniel M. Keyes married Florence D. Dator, daughter of Frank Z. Dator, a retired farmer, and Mary E. (Straut) Dator, of Tallmans, New York.

HON. WILSON CLINE VAN DUZER—A great deal of the history of Middletown could be written around the career of the Hon. Wilson Cline Van Duzer, although

only in middle life and not a native of this city. While a member of long established families of Southeastern New York, it was not until after completing his education and military service of his country that he became identified with this Orange County city, where he has since been very much to the fore in the modern progress of the municipality. He is the president of one of its outstanding corporations, a leader in the development of a civic center, and the present representative of the district in the New York Legislature.

Wilson Cline Van Duzer was born in Warwick, New York, April 17, 1894, son of Wilson Welling and Grace Valentine (Cline) Van Duzer. His father, after being connected with the wholesale drug business, and brokerage, in New York, returned to Warwick, where he purchased the MacWilliams real estate and insurance business. The son attended local grammar schools and the Warwick High School, and was being prepared by private tutors to enter Cornell University, when the United States became involved with Mexico in a chase after Pancho Villa. Mr. Van Duzer, a private in the 1st Regiment, New York National Guard, started with his unit to the Mexican Border. On the way he suffered a fractured arm and skull and a dislocated hip, from which he made a prolonged recovery. The United States had meanwhile entered the First World War, and Mr. Van Duzer endeavored to enlist in the army, but was refused because of previous injuries. Undaunted, the young man tried the other major forces of our country, and was accepted by the United States Naval Reserve Corps.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Van Duzer became associated with the J. V. Demerest Company, in Middletown, starting in a relatively unimportant position and advancing through the offices of secretary, vice-presidency, to the presidency of the corporation, his present post. This noteworthy mercantile company was founded in 1907, as a continuation of the old firm of Weller, Demerest & Swayze. A cousin of Mr. Van Duzer, one John V. Demerest, was one of the founders of the concern, he being a man of remarkable acumen, integrity and sterling character.

One of the major interests of Mr. Van Duzer is the development of a civic commercial center around the site of the oldest brick building in Middletown, with the exception of a factory. This center, to be known as the "Colonial Village," had for its first building in 1940, a structure of colonial type, now occupied by Montgomery Ward & Company. It was erected on the site of the old and greatly beloved "Gothic Hall" dedicated with appropriate ceremonies in 1852, which stood until recent years at No. 54 North Street, Middletown. For more than three-quarters of a century it afforded headquarters for public meetings and entertainments, lodges, business enterprises, a library and a newspaper, "The Orange County Press" (1868) and its successors. Civil War volunteers gathered here; World War I enlistees came to its offices. In brief, it was the center of community



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activities for three generations, and its site is most appropriate for the creation of a center for present day activities, with accent on its former importance and characteristics. All this is a matter of general history rather than of biography, but is mentioned here because of the prominence of Mr. Van Duzer in reviving the annals of the past with provisions for the best services of the people of the present and future.

Mr. Van Duzer, as indicated, is a member of the New York State Assembly, representing District No. 2, Orange County, and already has given evidence of his progressive outlook and readiness to sponsor and support worthwhile legislation. By right of noteworthy ancestry, he is a member of the Holland Society of New York, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the American Legion. Other memberships include the Middletown Club, Middletown Republican Club, Rotary Club, Middletown Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the Veterans Association of New York, World War I, the Republican Club of Albany, and the Orange County Golf Club. He attends the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a former treasurer and chairman of its board of trustees.

On December 1, 1917, in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, with Dr. David James Burrell, officiating, Wilson Cline Van Duzer married Gladys Wisner, daughter of Clinton Wheeler and Martha (Welling) Wisner. Mrs. Van Duzer, born May 15, 1899, is descended from the noted Colonel Henry Wisner, of Orange County, Revolutionary War fame and who helped in drafting the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Van Duzer are the parents of three children: 1. Corporal Wilson Welling, born January 28, 1919, with the United States Army Engineer Corps. 2. Tryntje, born October 4, 1922, named after the first Dutch girl baby born in the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam in 1629. 3. Margaret Cecelia, born November 10, 1925, a senior in Middletown High School.

LEWIS RAY COLDWELL—Associated with the Roosa Furniture Company, Inc., of Beacon, formerly the H. B. Roosa & Sons Furniture Company, for more than three decades, Lewis Ray Coldwell has been president of the corporation since its establishment in 1929, after the death of F. L. Roosa. The firm of which he is the head was established originally in 1827 by John H. Roosa and continued by his son H. B. Roosa, and later by F. L. Roosa, son of H. B. Roosa. Mr. Coldwell is a native of this district, and is well known throughout Beacon and Dutchess County. He is interested in civic and political affairs, as well as in business, and is a member of local social and fraternal groups.

Mr. Coldwell was born on May 16, 1891, at Matteawan, son of Samuel A. and Rebecca (Tompkins) Coldwell. His father was formerly a merchant, later retired,

and is now deceased. Growing up at Matteawan, Mr. Coldwell received his education in the public grammar and high schools there. His first employment was in a grocery store, in which he worked as a general helper and received two dollars and fifty cents per week.

In 1909, Mr. Coldwell became associated with the H. B. Roosa & Sons Furniture Company in Beacon. Continuing through the years to do effective work for the firm, he became a partner in 1917; the firm name was then changed to the Roosa Furniture Company. When F. L. Roosa died, in 1929, the business was incorporated, with Lewis Ray Coldwell as president.

He continues to hold this position at the present time. The furniture concern has been in constant operation since its first establishment in 1827. Three stores are now in operation, at Beacon, Wappingers Falls and Newburgh, to carry on the business. Mr. Coldwell is also treasurer of the J. H. Hait Furniture Company, in Middletown.

Mr. Coldwell served during the World War as a supply sergeant in the United States Army; he was stationed at Camp Upton. A member of the American Legion post here, he is a past commander. His social affiliations include membership in the Southern Dutchess Country Club, of which he has been twice president, and the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Republican party, and is a strong supporter of its candidates here. His favorite hobby is golf.

Lewis R. Coldwell married at Beacon, Edith Storm, daughter of Garret and Sarah (Anderson) Storm. They are communicants of the First Methodist Church, and are active together in community affairs. They are the parents of a son, Frederic R., who was born October 31, 1921. After receiving his preparatory education at the public schools, he matriculated at Dartmouth University, graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. He is now serving in the United States Army.

LEWIS J. SCHOLEFIELD—After participating in a variety of other business enterprises, Lewis J. Scholefield in 1926 became associated with the Roosa Furniture Company, at Beacon. When the business was incorporated, in 1929, Mr. Scholefield was elected to the position of treasurer which he continues to hold at the present time. A resident of the Southern Dutchess County district throughout his entire lifetime, he is well known here; is a member of numerous local fraternal and social bodies, and is interested in political affairs.

Mr. Scholefield was born at Fishkill, on January 5, 1882, son of James P. and Mary Jane (Martin) Scholefield. His father was a farmer. Growing up at Fishkill, he attended the country schools, later enrolling at the Spencerian Business School in Newburgh. Prior to the above schooling, he farmed for five years. He then spent

two years as a tinsmith, and two in the greenhouse business.

His commercial employment began in 1905, when he became a bookkeeper for the Adrich Brick Yards at Dutchess Junction. In 1914 he entered the office of W. A. Jones, who carried on a general insurance business in Beacon. Finally, in 1926, he came with the Roosa Furniture Company, in Beacon. This firm, which has been in operation since 1827, is now under the administrative direction of Lewis Ray Coldwell, who was a partner of H. B. Roosa & Son, prior to the death of the latter. The company now operates through three outlet stores, located in Beacon, Wappingers Falls and Newburgh. Mr. Scholefield has held the position of treasurer of the Roosa Furniture Company, Inc., since 1929.

Mr. Scholefield is a Republican in politics. He was, in 1913, tax collector for the town of Fishkill. His social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand, and a present lodge chaplain and secretary, posts which he has held since 1936; and in the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Scholefield has been made an honorary citizen of Boys Town, Nebraska. A communicant, with his family, of the Trinity Methodist Church; he has been financial secretary there for twenty-five years, and is now church treasurer, treasurer of the Sunday school, and a trustee of the church. His favorite hobby is flower gardening.

On June 3, 1908, at Beacon, Lewis J. Scholefield was married to Annabelle Paye, daughter of Charles W. and Elizabeth (Carpenter) Paye. They have been active together in civic and social work here, and are the parents of two children: 1. Lewis J., born on March 11, 1909. A graduate of Beacon High School, he spent three years in pre-medical studies at Union College, then attended and graduated from the Columbia College of Pharmacy. He married Edith Brazze, and they are the parents of one son, Lewis Terry, born in January of 1943. He is employed as a pharmacist at the Walsh Drug Company, in Beacon, New York. 2. Charles W., born on March 11, 1909, a graduate of the Columbia College of Pharmacy. He married Gladys Mackey; he is now employed as a traveling drug salesman in a territory centering at Glens Falls.

JOHN A. LANG, Ph. G.—In Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, John A. Lang is considered to be one of the foremost young business men and civic-minded citizens. He came there from the northern part of the State, after long experience as a pharmacist and salesman of pharmaceutical supplies and took over a drug store which he has operated with increasing success.

Born at Ogdensburg, New York, November 1, 1903, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Cannell) Lang, he grew up

with an acquaintance of both American and Canadian people and affairs. He attended St. Mary's Academy in Ogdensburg, but early entered the employ of various pharmacies, drug stores and chemists, known by different names according to locality and side of the International border. For some time he was associated with a wholesale drug firm, Upjohn & Company, as a traveling salesman, and during this period managed to study in the Albany College of Pharmacy, from which he received a diploma as a Graduate in Pharmacy, 1924.

Some men like to be "out on the road" all their lives, but not Mr. Lang. Thoroughly familiar with the drug trade, he sought an opportunity to purchase a pharmacy and settle down, and it is certainly a compliment to Beacon that he chose the Beacon Pharmacy as his investment and the community as one in which he desired to live. He took in no partners, and upon his own initiative and enterprise began to make this drug store one of the best equipped and attractive in Dutchess County. None caters more intelligently to the public.

Active in local affairs, Mr. Lang is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of the Tompkins Hose Company. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church, at St. John's, in Beacon.

On September 5, 1932, at Amityville, New York, John A. Lang married Helen Gay, daughter of Charles and Loretta (Compton) Gay, and they are the parents of three children, all attending St. John's Parochial School: 1 and 2. (twins), Helen and Betty, born February 9, 1934. 3. John C., born August 9, 1936.

CLEAR POOL CAMP—Not all the beautiful sections of Southeastern New York are situated along the lower Hudson River Valley. The eastern part of Putnam County, with its lakes and hills and varied terrain, when taken in proximity to New York City, has attracted many settlers and visitors and is the seat of several attractive summer camps. The well-named Clear Pool Camp is one of these, probably the first in the area, and according to records, the "third oldest camp of the kind known as organizational camps" in the United States.

Shortly after the turn of the century, in 1901 to be exact, the Rev. Henry Remsen acquired some twenty acres near Carmel, Putnam County, for a summer camp for boys. This was on the property now owned by the Carmel Country Club. The land was sold at a later time and sixty acres purchased in the vicinity of the present location of Clear Pool Camp. Down through the years acreage has been added until the present camp comprises about four hundred acres. At the present writing Clear Pool Camp furnishes accommodations for fourteen hundred boys each summer on vacations of two weeks. All equipment is modern and adequate, a lake of about ten acres in area furnishing many facilities for





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enjoyment and physical education. The impression it makes on young lives is best illustrated by the fact that as the boys have grown to manhood and married, this beautiful part of Putnam County has seen larger numbers of them returning to make this section of southeastern New York their home. Dr. Albert B. Hines (*q. v.*) is the director of Clear Pool Camp.

D. MALLORY STEPHENS, Republican member of assembly for Putnam County since 1925, was born in Patterson, Putnam County, New York, December 17, 1893. He is the son of the late Henry B. Stephens, sheriff of Putnam County from 1919 to 1921, and also from 1925 to 1927, and the late Alice (Mallory) Stephens. He attended public school in Patterson and was graduated from Brewster High School in 1912.

Soon after graduation, he became associated with the Harlem Valley Electric Company and aided in the electrification of Patterson and Pawling. Following the United States' entrance into World War I, Mr. Stephens enlisted in the navy. In 1923, he was elected to the Putnam County Board of Supervisors on which he served for two years.

In 1925, he was elected to the New York State Assembly where he has taken an active part in numerous State affairs. He has served on many important committees, including the Ways and Means Committee, the Rules Committee, New York City and Public Service Committees, and he has also been a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Banking and a member of the group investigating the milk industry. He has acted as chairman of the Committee to Recodify the Lien Law, the Committee on Banks, and the Committee on Military Affairs. In 1943, he was appointed chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. He is vice-chairman of the New York State Economy Commission to study economy and efficiency in State government, a member of the State War Council, in which he was chairman of the Sub-Committee on Physical Fitness, and a member of the Post War Public Works Planning Commission. He is a member of the Temporary Commission on Municipal Revenues and Reduction of Real Estate Taxes. Mr. Stephens is also a member of the Temporary Commission for the Revision and Codification of The Laws Relating to Municipal Finance. His services as chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee to Inquire into and Study Commercial Rents in New York City have received widespread attention.

In addition to his legislative duties, Mr. Stephens conducts a real estate and insurance business in New York City, is vice-president of the Maust Coal & Coke Corporation, and operates the five hundred and twenty-five acre Putnam County farm on which he was born. He is a member of the Patterson Grange, the Northern Westchester Pomona Grange, and the National Grange.

He married Grace Hine, of Brewster, in 1914. They

have three children, Alice, Willis, now with the Army Air Forces, and Mallory. Mr. Stephens makes his home in Brewster.

JULIUS EUGENE HAIGHT, M. D.—In the days when mental derangements were still somehow considered as something criminal and there were states with "insane asylums," Dr. Julius Eugene Haight, widely reputed physician of Beacon, New York, became a psychiatrist. That was not so long ago, only about the turn of the century, and he later also engaged in a general practice of his profession in the Dutchess County community, of which he is a native son and highly respected physician and professional man. It is worthy of more than passing note that both his children have followed in his footsteps so far as the specialty of the older man is concerned. His son, an exceptionally brilliant student and psychiatrist, is now (1943) a major in the United States Army Medical Corps in the South Pacific. The daughter won honors in psychiatric study and research.

Dr. Haight was born in Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, on December 8, 1877, son of Eugene A. and Amelia R. (Steiner) Haight, his father being a principal of the Beacon schools and commissioner of accounts, city of Beacon. The son of this record attended local schools, Newbury Academy and Cazenovia Seminary, prior to matriculating at the Albany Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1899, a Doctor of Medicine. After being an interne in the Troy General Hospital, in 1900 he became resident physician at the Utica, New York, State Hospital. After specializing in psychiatrics from 1900 to 1914, Dr. Haight returned to Beacon and established himself in a general practice of his profession. He is chief of the staff of the Highland Hospital, Beacon, and consultant physician for Craig House and the Matteawan State Hospital. Another of his connections is that of surgeon with the New York Central Railroad System.

Dr. Haight is the Beacon schools physician. During the First World War he ranked as a captain in the United States Army Medical Corps, associated with the neuro-psychiatry department. He is of the Republican party persuasion, but never has been interested in political office. Fraternally Dr. Haight is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler. Professional connections include memberships in the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Dutchess County Medical Association, and the Psychiatric Society of Dutchess County. He serves on the board of directors of the Beacon Savings & Loan Association, and is a popular Rotarian. He attends St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he is a vestryman.

On June 16, 1906, at Beacon, New York, Julius Eugene Haight, M. D., married Mabel S. Rothery, daughter of Fred and Katherine (Case) Rothery, her father long associated with the New York Pullman Company. Dr. and Mrs. Haight are the parents of two children: 1. Julius Rothery Haight, born August 24, 1907, a graduate of Colgate University, 1930, and Buffalo Medical College, class of 1934, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served as an interne at Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, and Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. He then went to the Harlem Valley State Hospital where he was advanced to senior physician. He has also attained the very high honor of diplomate in psychiatry. Dr. Haight enlisted for service in World War II, and is now serving with the rank of captain, United States Army Medical Corps, stationed in Australia. He married Margaret H. Pettey, and they have two children: i. Robert R., born in 1939. ii. Jonathan, born in 1941. 2. Katherine Amalia, born December 29, 1908; after graduation from Wells College, she matriculated at the College of Psychiatric Research, where she received a scholarship. She married Ralph A. Hill, of Walpole, Massachusetts, a mechanical engineer, superintendent of F. M. Hill Manufacturing Company. Mr. Hill is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have two children: i. John E. Hill, born January 15, 1936. ii. Katherine Nancy, born September 12, 1938.

WILLIAM JAMES WALSH—Dutchess County seems to have attracted many excellent lawyers, especially to the county seat, Poughkeepsie. While William James Walsh is one of the younger group of attorneys he is eminently successful and a welcome addition to the professional coterie of the western part of the county.

Mr. Walsh was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 20, 1910, son of Joseph A. Walsh, retired lawyer, and Mrs. Maude D. (Des Place) Walsh. After being graduated from the grammar and high schools of his birth city, he entered Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1932, a Bachelor of Arts. For his professional education he went to St. John's University, Brooklyn, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1935. That same year he was admitted to the bar of New York and entered the office of Horace B. Heffenan in Gloversville, New York. Since 1936, however, he has been associated in the Poughkeepsie law firm of Guernsey, Butts and Walsh, one of the best known in the mid-Hudson River Valley section. Mr. Walsh is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association, and of the Amrita Club, of Poughkeepsie. He is a Democrat in political affiliations and attends the Church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck, New York, the town where he makes his home.

In 1936, at South Orange, New Jersey, William James Walsh married Hulda V. Bradbury, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Judith, born April 10, 1940. 2. Barbara, born July 11, 1942.

J. SCOTT NERRIE—A resident of Beacon since 1918, J. Scott Nerrie has for the past fifteen years been the sole owner and proprietor of the MacFarlane Drug Company, which he purchased in 1928. During his residence here, Mr. Nerrie's business has brought him into association with a large number of the citizens, leading to his affiliation with the major social and fraternal organizations of this district. His conduct of the local pharmacy has won him the respect of Beacon physicians and of his neighbors, while his ready friendship has been reciprocated on every side.

Mr. Nerrie was born on July 13, 1904, son of Robert A. and Grace (Leek) Nerrie. His father, a printer by trade, spent some years in this work at Brooklyn, then moved to Beacon and here was for eight years commissioner of accounts. After the family moved to Beacon, J. Scott attended the local schools, completing his grammar school studies here and later graduating from Beacon High School. He then matriculated at Columbia University, graduating from the college of pharmacy there in the class of 1925, with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy.

Returning to Beacon to use his professional training, Mr. Nerrie bought the MacFarlane Drug Company, in 1928. Under his direction, this local establishment has improved and expanded its services. During the peace time period, three graduate pharmacists were employed at the store, which maintains the most complete drug and prescription department in the city.

In politics, Mr. Nerrie is affiliated with the Republican party. He is a member of the local Kiwanis Club; the Southern Dutchess Country Club; the Free and Accepted Masons; and the Tompkins Hose Company. His favorite recreations are tennis, golf, and drawing.

On July 16, 1933, J. Scott Nerrie was married to Grace E. Lamb, daughter of Emery and Nellie (Kline) Lamb, and a graduate of the North Adams Teachers College. Her father was engaged in the contracting business. Mr. and Mrs. Nerrie are communicants of the Old Dutch Reformed Church, and are active together in social and civic enterprises of the city. They are the parents of one son, James Scott, who was born on September 17, 1934. He is a student in the public schools of Beacon.

DAVID EDWARD KNAPP, has for twenty-two years been the owner of an old established paint and contracting business, specializing in Devoe products.

He is a charter member of Beacon Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, belongs to the Independent



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Order of Odd Fellows, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church where he was at one time a member of the official board, is president of the Southern Dutchess and Putnam Sportsmen's Club and a director of the Dutchess County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and until recently a prominent Kiwanian.

He was born May 30, 1889, at Philipstown, New York, the son of Kimble Van Gaasbek Knapp and Josephine Cargill Knapp. He attended local Putnam County schools and upon his high school graduation finished his education in New York business college.

In 1911 he married Bessie M. Lewis, daughter of Wallace Henzil Lewis and Martha Murry Lewis, of Peekskill, New York. Mr. Lewis was a prominent stair builder and contractor of Westchester County, and a direct descendant of Samuel Fuller, a Mayflower passenger and a relative of Governor Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have one daughter, Gwendolyn, born January 30, 1915, married to William E. Hurxthal and residing in Fishkill, New York, with their infant son, David Knapp Hurxthal, born November 20, 1942. Mrs. Hurxthal attended Syracuse University, class of 1935. Until her marriage in 1941, she was her father's secretary.

David Lewis Knapp, born February 13, 1922, son of David E. and Bessie M. (Lewis) Knapp, was a student in the architectural college of Syracuse University for two and a half years prior to Pearl Harbor. He left school and enlisted in the United States Army at West Point in the field artillery detachment in September, 1942. He attended the A. S. T. P. course in engineering at Niagara University until the government abandoned the project. Since then Private Knapp has been located in several southern camps and the field artillery school in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. David Knapp are both descendants of Founders of America. In fact Mr. Knapp can find none of all the allied families in his genealogy who came here later than the seventeenth century. Some of these were McKeel, Davenport, Sherwood, Wiltse, Haight and among others are Cargill and Van Gaasbek. He is a direct descendant of Nicholas Knapp who came from England to this country in 1630 with Governor Winthrop, first settling in Watertown, Massachusetts. He later migrated with his family to Stamford, Connecticut, on Long Island Sound.

In 1786, Nehemiah, great-great-grandson of Nicholas, came from Eastchester to East Fishkill and bought several hundred acres of land from Madam Brett, in the beautiful Shenandoah region. He and his sons, Isaac and Enos, were largely instrumental in establishing the Baptist Church and cemetery there. They were thrifty, energetic men who were influential in establishing a thriving rural community. His descendants have been farmers or merchants in this locality. Nehe-

miah was in the naval service with Arnold's flotilla on Lake Champlain in 1776. Nehemiah is third great-grandfather of David.

The maternal ancestors of David Knapp trace their first American grandparents to Rev. Donald Cargill, a Covenanting minister from Scotland who was finally beheaded by Charles II because he and Richard Cameron published the Sanquhar Declaration, excommunicating King Charles II and the Duke of York.

Through the Cargill ancestors he is related to the Sherwoods (from the famous Sherwood Forest estates), the McKeels and Davenports who helped found the city of Yonkers and other Westchester localities and Cold Spring, Putnam County.

John and James Cargill were freemen and butchers at Pecks Slip, New York City, in 1754. The British occupation of New York City and vicinity drove the family, as refugees, from the city up to Newburgh and Fishkill.

James Cargill, the great-grandfather of David, settled in Philipstown, Putnam County, in 1812.

David Knapp finds his only relaxation in hunting and fishing and is actively interested in preserving the natural wild life of the vicinity. He and Mrs. Knapp have resided at their home, 24 High Street, for over twenty years.

JOHN H. LEWIS—For a score of years, John H. Lewis has been a pioneer in the development of new trucking facilities from Newburgh, at which city he maintains the headquarters of his firm, which is now known as the Newburgh Transfer Company, Inc. During this period, Mr. Lewis has developed special services for the manufacturing companies of Newburgh, proving to these concerns that he could transport their goods more expeditiously than they could be carried by train. One of the essential factors in Mr. Lewis' success in expanding his transportation range has been his association with other carriers, enabling him to provide speedy transport from terminals in New York City to points throughout the East. Throughout his business association at Newburgh, Mr. Lewis has consistently been interested in the various facets of community life here. He has served on administrative boards and commissions, has accepted direction of the local war transportation committee, and is a member of numerous social and fraternal organizations here. Mr. Lewis was born at Middletown, in 1892, son of William E. and Nellie E. (Crouse) Lewis. His father was born at Turners (now Harriman), New York, January 10, 1864, and died November 10, 1940; and was a railroader, employed by the Erie Railroad train service. William E. Lewis was a son of William Lewis, born at Turners, March 24, 1826, died July 26, 1906. John H. Lewis spent his formative years at Paterson, New Jersey, there attending grammar and high schools at which he received the customary general education. Prior to en-

tering the trucking business, he was employed by the Erie Railroad train service for a period of seven years.

In 1923, Mr. Lewis owned one truck which he operated at Newburgh. It was during that year that he first tried to interest executives of the Sweet-Orr Manufacturing Company in truck transportation for its goods. In the following year, he convinced the company of the desirability of such service, and since this initial success, his progress in the field of truck transportation has been rapid. In 1928, he extended his relationship with other manufacturing companies by pointing out that it would be cheaper and faster to truck goods direct to the Pennsylvania depots rather than only to New York City to await train consignment. At this time, Mr. Lewis established the first daily trucking service between Newburgh and Philadelphia. Next he arranged with other carriers having connecting lines from New York City to accept goods for New England and Southern points. In this way he was able to offer rapid and economical long distance transportation to his local clients. In 1931, Mr. Lewis formed the Newburgh Transfer & Storage Company, Inc., of which he then became president. In 1932 this firm made connections with the largest trucking firm in New England, which enabled Mr. Lewis to offer overnight service to points in New England, with Hartford as the general terminal. In 1934, he extended his services once more by convincing shippers that much time could be saved by trucking goods direct to the through freight lines, and succeeded in having his firm appointed as the agent for the carloading companies. This system was so successful that it now is in universal use.

In 1941, new buildings to house Mr. Lewis' firm were erected at Newburgh, and the name of the company was changed to the Newburgh Transfer Company, Inc. Present officers of this firm are: president, John H. Lewis; vice-president, George A. Goldsmith; secretary and treasurer, Francis A. Lewis. Mr. Goldsmith also acts as office manager. This company now operates more than fifty complete units, and employs about one hundred and fifty workers. It has branch offices and terminals in Poughkeepsie, New York City, Newark, and Philadelphia. Because of his long experience in the field, Mr. Lewis in 1943 was appointed by the State War Council as administrator of War Transportation for the city of Newburgh. He has also been a member of the Newburgh Selective Service Board, No. 302, since June 8, 1944.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Lewis has been a steady supporter of the principles and candidates of this party. His local civic activity has included a term on the Newburgh Board of Education. He is president of the West Newburgh Businessmen's Association, and first vice-president of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce. He is vice-president for New York State of the Mid-Atlantic Motor Carrier Conference, and is president of the Eastern New York Transportation Association. His social affiliations include membership in the Lions Club, of which he is past president; and district governor of his

District; the Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. His favorite hobbies are gardening and tinkering about the house.

On September 15, 1915, at Newburgh, John H. Lewis was married to Frances Osterhout, daughter of John W. and Katherine (Williams) Osterhout. They are the parents of one son, John W., born August 30, 1916. He graduated from public grammar and high school at Newburgh, then matriculated at Syracuse University, and completed the undergraduate curriculum there. He became associated with his father in the trucking business at Newburgh. At the present time he is serving as a captain in the 8th Air Force, Aviation Transportation, and is stationed in England. He married, October 12, 1940, Margarette E. Jones, and they have a son, Peter W., born November 15, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are communicants of the First Baptist Church of Newburgh, and are active together in the social and civic enterprises of their home community.

LEONARD K. SUPPLE, M. D.—Engaged in a general practice of medicine in Beacon down to the time of writing, Dr. Leonard K. Supple is one of his community's outstanding professional men, highly respected and honored among his contemporaries in all walks of life.

Dr. Supple was born June 18, 1915, in Beacon, New York, son of William H. and Nan (Keating) Supple. His father has for years been a successful chemist, serving as superintendent of dyeing at the Dutchess Hat Manufacturing Company.

Private schools provided Dr. Leonard K. Supple's early formal education, and he was graduated from Beacon High School in 1930. He then became a student at Fordham University, in New York City, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1934. In 1938 he was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, as a Doctor of Medicine. Then, serving an internship at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, he began his private practice of medicine in Beacon thereafter. Since that time he has carried on a general practice of his profession, performing an increasingly valuable work and serving on the staffs of a number of institutions in this region. He is a staff physician at Butterfield Hospital, in Cold Spring, and at Highland Hospital, in Beacon, and also is assistant physician at Dr. Moreno's Sanitarium, in Beacon.

He has served as a physician to the local draft board in Beacon, but has now resigned. He has effectively served his community in a number of different ways, and belongs to the Phi Beta Phi medical fraternity, the Dutchess County Medical Society and the New York State Medical Society. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. In spare time he directs his attention to pursuits of scholarship, particularly concerning himself with medical research.

His marriage took place in 1937, in Elkton, Maryland, and he was divorced in Reno, Nevada, February 1, 1944. He has three children: 1. Leonard K. Supple, Jr., born August 11, 1938. 2. D. William Supple, born March 10, 1940. 3. John Martin Supple, born June 8, 1941.

JESSE D. WETSEL—For many years Jesse D. Wetzel has been prominent in southeastern New York State. Since 1920 he has been president of the Lansing-Broas Printing Company, Inc., and since 1940 he has also served as city treasurer of Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Wetzel was born March 25, 1888, in Burnt Hills, Saratoga County, New York, son of Jesse D. and Mary (Dunham) Wetzel. His father was a farmer and carpenter.

Public schools provided Jesse D. Wetzel's early formal education, and he afterward studied at the Albany Business College. He started his career as a bookkeeper with the Lake Mohonk Mountain House, then was afterward cashier and bookkeeper with the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company. For six years he served as examiner in the division of capitalization of the public service commission at Albany. In 1920 he took up his present work as president of the Lansing-Broas Printing Company, Inc. He has done much to further this business organization and make its work effective, and is highly esteemed in the business fraternity in and about Poughkeepsie, where the Lansing-Broas firm has its headquarters.

Since centering his activities in this community, Mr. Wetzel has concerned himself extensively with civic and social affairs. He is a Republican in his partisan views, and is a party committeeman for the Eighth Ward, First District. As city treasurer, in which position he has been serving since 1940, he has done much to keep in good order the financial affairs of the city of Poughkeepsie, whose citizens have been highly grateful to him for his service in this connection. Along with his other undertakings, Mr. Wetzel is a past president of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club and of the chamber of commerce. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the First Baptist Church, Mr. Wetzel is a member of the board of trustees, as well as a past treasurer, deacon and Sunday school superintendent. Fond of reading, he delves into a wide range of subject matter when time for his scholarly pursuits is not wanting. Another favorite hobby is music, of which he has always been very fond.

Jesse D. Wetzel married, June 15, 1911, in Poughkeepsie, New York, May B. Lansing, daughter of Wellington C. and Mary (Bogardus) Lansing. They became the parents of two children, twins, born October 21, 1920: 1. Ruth Irene Wetzel, attended Wooster College, in

Wooster, Ohio, now teaching at La Grange, Ohio. 2. Elizabeth Lansing Wetzel, graduated from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, now serving in the Waves.

HAROLD HICKS—As manager of the Wappingers Falls plant of Sweet, Orr & Company, manufacturers of overalls and work clothes, Harold Hicks has filled an important rôle in Dutchess County affairs and in the industrial life of our times.

Mr. Hicks was born May 8, 1900, in Wappingers Falls, New York, son of Walter and Effie (Harris) Hicks. His father, born in Dutchess County, New York, was a carpenter and builder. The Hicks family is an old and honorable one, seated in this county since early Colonial times.

Harold Hicks attended public schools here, completing the high school grades, then associated himself in 1916 with Sweet, Orr & Company. Learning the machinist's trade, he served this organization in his technical capacity until 1919. Afterward he held other positions in the company, gaining a full grasp of its many-sided activities and its manufacturing policies and program. In 1937 he was made manager of the plant at Wappingers Falls, where he still serves.

Although a Republican in his political alignment, he casts his vote independently for the candidates and measures of his choice. Community affairs have attracted his attention and active interest in a variety of ways, and, prominent in fraternal circles, Mr. Hicks has held a number of offices in the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of Oak Grove Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. The Boy Scouts of America have received considerable support and help from him, and he has concerned himself with many aspects of southeastern New York State life. Farming is one of his leisure time interests, and he enjoys hunting, fishing and outdoor recreations. Members of the Hicks family attend the Presbyterian and Protestant Episcopal churches.

In Wappingers Falls, in 1930, Harold Hicks married Margaret E. Nixon. They became the parents of two children: 1. Shirley Ann Hicks, born November 30, 1934. 2. Nancy Lou Hicks, born October 3, 1941.

PAUL JACOBSON, M. D.—Carrying on an extensive practice of medicine in Wappingers Falls, in Dutchess County, Dr. Paul Jacobson is widely known and respected in this area of New York State.

Dr. Jacobson was born October 31, 1895, in Hagen, Germany, son of Julius and Bertha (Aronhein) Jacobson. His father, for many years a merchant in Germany, died in a concentration camp in that land.

Elementary and high schools provided Dr. Paul Jacobson's early formal education, and after graduation from

secondary school in 1914 in Germany, he entered the University of Heidelberg. Later he studied at Munich and Cologne, and was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from Cologne University in 1922. Serving an internship at the University Hospital there, in 1924, Dr. Jacobson then returned to Hagen, his birthplace, to carry on his medical practice. There he continued until 1938, when his license was revoked by the Nazi government of Adolph Hitler. Dr. Jacobson was at that time confined in a concentration camp near Berlin. In the beginning of 1939, however, he immigrated into Holland, and from a Dutch refugee camp he made his way to the United States in February, 1940.

Passing his New York State Board examinations, he settled in Wappingers Falls, where he proceeded to build up his fine present practice. He serves on the staffs of Vassar and St. Francis hospitals, in Poughkeepsie, and is school physician in Wappingers Falls. He is a member of the Dutchess County Medical Society and the New York State Medical Society. Dr. Jacobson's remarkable success in a new community and Nation attest his ability as a physician and his personal courage and balance. After interrupting his education in 1915-18 to serve in the German army and suffering later misfortune and personal sorrow at the hands of the Nazis, he has established himself in the New World, playing a constructive rôle in its affairs, and with his eyes facing the future. He is active in outdoor sports and recreations in spare time, and belongs to a local tennis club. At the time of writing he is making an intensive study of American history and is so orienting himself in his adopted land.

Dr. Paul Jacobson married, September 27, 1933, in Hagen, Germany, Maria Josephine Weiland, and they have one son, Franklin Paul, born June 11, 1943.

CHARLES O'DONNELL—The career of Charles O'Donnell has been identified with the life and affairs of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, where he was born and reared. He has practiced law here since his admission to the bar in 1917; has become increasingly prominent in civic and political circles; and is a popular club man.

He was born in Poughkeepsie, March 24, 1894, son of William A. and Flora M. (Birchell) O'Donnell, his father being a retired sheet metal contractor. He was a student in the grade and high schools of his birth city, and entered the Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1917, a Bachelor of Laws. That same year he passed his law examinations and became associated with the law firm of Morchauser and Mack, until 1920, since which time he has engaged in a general law practice under his own name.

The knowledge, experience and public interest of Mr. O'Donnell have frequently been drafted for municipal

and political service. In 1920 he was a deputy collector of the Federal Census. From 1930 to 1934, he was assistant corporation council of the city of Poughkeepsie, and again in 1936 entered this office. He has been corporation counsel for the municipality since 1940. During the First World War, Mr. O'Donnell was chief clerk of the local draft board. He is a Republican of influence in party councils and campaigns. For some years he has been a member of the Booth Hose Company No. 2, and is a popular figure in the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a former president. Along the lines of his profession, he is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association, president (1944-45) of the New York State Corporation Counsels Association, and a member of the National Association of Corporation Counsels. A devotee of golf, he plays the game as a member of the Dutchess County Country Club and the Dutchess County Golf Club. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 275, Poughkeepsie, New York. Mr. O'Donnell is legal adviser on the War Defense Council, and member of the bond drive organization. He is serving (1943 and 1944) as a member of the committee on torts of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers. One of his interests is serious and varied reading and the collection of a fine private library.

On October 4, 1924, at Poughkeepsie, New York, Charles O'Donnell married Lillian C. Cooke, daughter of Henry A. and Elizabeth Cooke. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell have one son, Charles O'Donnell, Jr., born February 20, 1932, a student in local schools.

FREDERICK M. HEDGEcock, M. D., F. A. C. S.—A native of Dutchess County, Frederick M. Hedgecock, M. D., F. A. C. S., was resident during his formative years at Poughkeepsie, a city to which he returned to begin the practice of medicine after he had completed the requisite preparation. In addition to his private work in the medical field, Dr. Hedgecock is a member of the staffs of several hospitals in this region. He has been prominent in the affairs of the medical associations which maintain contact between members of the profession.

Dr. Hedgecock was born at Hyde Park, on April 17, 1903, son of Frederick W. and Bessie (Humphreys) Hedgecock. His father is now living retired. As a boy, Frederick M. Hedgecock was a student in the public schools of Hyde Park, and graduated from the Poughkeepsie High School in 1921. He then matriculated at Fordham University, completed the undergraduate curriculum, and took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. For his medical courses, he enrolled at the St. Louis University School of Medicine, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1930.

His internship was spent at the St. Louis University—group hospital—and St. Mary's Hospital, where he



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continued from 1930 to 1931. Before turning to private practice, he was resident surgeon at Barnard Free Cancer Hospital, in St. Louis, during 1931 and 1932.

In the latter year, Dr. Hedgecock returned to Poughkeepsie to begin the general practice of medicine which he has continued to the present time. He enjoys a growing private practice, and is attending surgeon at Vassar Hospital. He is secretary of the staff of Vassar Hospital, and of the mid-Hudson Valley Fracture Committee. In regard to local civic affairs, Dr. Hedgecock maintains a politically independent position, for he is rather interested in the general welfare than in any partisan advantage.

Dr. Hedgecock is a member of Phi Chi medical fraternity and of Phi Sigma Kappa. His professional affiliations include membership in the Dutchess County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1941. His professional interest in surgery is supplemented by an interest in this field as a hobby; his favorite recreation is golf.

On March 19, 1938, in Hyde Park, Dr. Frederick M. Hedgecock married Cressida Powers, daughter of Philip Powers, retired, and Ada (Faulkner) Powers, and they have one son, John M., born March 1, 1940. Dr. and Mrs. Hedgecock are active together in the civic and social enterprises of their home community

RUTSON RAYMOND RIKERT—Associated with the public utility field as an active executive for more than forty years, Rutson Raymond Rikert has now retired from such responsibilities, but still acts as a director and officer of several companies. When rationing was instituted, Mr. Rikert was chosen to head the Rhinebeck board. A native of the village, he has been resident here throughout his lifetime, which has been largely devoted to community interests. Member of the important social and fraternal organizations of the district, he has been an enthusiastic participant in their activities, and has held presidential office in several.

Mr. Rikert was born at Rhinebeck on November 14, 1871, son of Frank G. and Ellen F. (Cramer) Rikert. His mother, who was ninety-five years old when she died, was an organist at the Methodist Church for more than sixty-one years. His father was engaged in business as a butcher.

Growing up at Rhinebeck, Rutson Raymond Rikert, received his education as a student at the De Garmo Institute, of which he is a graduate.

He began his business career in Rhinebeck as a bookkeeper, and continued in this work for two years. He then purchased the Rhinebeck "Gazette," assumed the operation of it, and continued that activity for many

years before selling out to the present owner, Jacob H. Strong.

Then Mr. Rikert became interested in the public utility field. He was one of the organizers of the Dutchess Light, Heat & Power Company, and became its manager, a position which he continued to hold until the company was absorbed by the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company, of which Mr. Rikert was northern Dutchess district manager until his retirement. He was associated as an officer with the Rhinebeck Water Company for many years.

Mr. Rikert is at present president of the Rhinebeck Realty & Development Company, and a member of the board of directors; vice-president of the Starr Institute; a director and trustee of the Morton Memorial Library and Community House, at Rhinecliff; member of the board of directors of the First National Bank, at Rhinebeck, and of the board of trustees of the Rhinebeck Savings Bank. He is chairman of the Rhinebeck rationing board.

He is a Republican in politics. His civic activities include the positions of president, North Dutchess Health Service Center; treasurer, Community Nursing Center; and president, Rhinebeck Cemetery Association.

He is a member of the local lodge, No. 432, of the Free and Accepted Masons, is a Past Master, and has received the fifty-year award from the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Civic Club, and a member of the Royal Arcanum. His favorite hobby is participation in civic affairs and community interests.

On October 1, 1898, Rutson Raymond Rikert was married to Birdella Van Rensselaer Sherwood. They are communicants of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Rhinebeck Flats, in which Mr. Rikert served many years as an elder.

LEWIS FINEHOUT WINNE—On one of the main highways of the State, United States No. 9, the Old Post Road, ninety miles up the Hudson River from New York City, is the oldest hotel in America, Beekman Arms. This venerable institution, which has survived not only because of its historical character but also because it has steadily offered comfortable hospitality in attractive setting, is now managed by Lewis Finehout Winne.

The village of Rhinebeck, in which the hotel stands, was part of a great grant of land made to Henry Beekman in the latter part of the seventeenth century. About the year 1700, William Traphagen bought from Henry Beekman the first parcel sold from this Holland patent. On this land, Traphagen built a one-story stone house of two rooms, with a loft above. The kitchen was then the general living room, while the other and larger apartment served as the public room. A little bar in one corner, a big fireplace with rude benches in front of it

offered the traveler of those days comforts not always met with in a day's journey. A pile of sheep skins before the fire formed his bed, while the innkeeper's family climbed to the loft for sleep.

The house was enlarged by Traphagen's son, Arent, after his father's death. The early history of the hostelry is replete with the stuff of legends. Every room has its separate narrative of tragic or humorous interest, but the lead is taken by the tap room, in which the pioneer, the trapper and traveler, and the savage met on equal ground, more than two hundred years ago. General Montgomery lived in the hotel at times before his ill-fated expedition to Canada in 1775, where he fell before Quebec. Later during the Revolution, Washington, Lafayette, Schuyler, Arnold, Hamilton and scores of other noted men spent anxious hours there. Aaron Burr, Silas Wright, John Armstrong and DeWitt Clinton were among the guests. Martin Van Buren often stopped at the house, as later did Theodore Roosevelt. President Franklin D. Roosevelt has been a guest of the hotel on several occasions when Governor of this State, and later on after his election to the presidency of the United States.

Despite necessary changes, the general arrangement of the walls and rooms has remained. The dining room is the same that all the guests of the past, great and humble, have broken fast in. The old tap room, in which the guests of all the ages of the house have gathered, is now used as a sitting-room. The window in which Washington sat watching the crossroads many hours for the coming and going of his couriers is as it was in his day, except that the old sash has been replaced by one of modern make. Panes in the former sash bore many noted autographs carelessly scratched with a diamond as the owner idly watched the roadway.

The sitting-room is kept free from modern innovations and the fine old spindle-back and wing-back chairs, together with the old historic prints, the rare china and many other accessories of the apartment are never profaned by the presence of more recent craftsmanship. A rare collection of old pewter about the rooms of the hotel is greatly admired by visitors.

The hotel does not impress the visitor by its exterior, but at once after entering he is aware of its age. The broad hall out of which rises the stair, up which a man above average height cannot ascend without stooping, and the extremely low ceiling of the parlor floor are indicative of an early builder. The house stands on the chief corner of the town, back from the roadway behind a space of lawn and flowers, with rows of great elms overhanging all. The village is set two hundred and three feet above sea level, and has a population of one thousand five hundred people. The two banks are in a thriving condition, and all six churches are well attended and supported. The Rhinebeck "Gazette," a weekly news-

paper, brings information of local events to the countryside.

The wooden wing on the north end of the hotel, in which the office is now located, was added about 1810. It was built for use as a general store, for many of the landlords preferred to conduct that business also. In 1917, some changes were made in the appearance of the old building by the removal of the two-story porches and the erection of an early colonial portico. There was also added at this time a brick wing on the southern end of the original building, which includes a beautiful dining-room capable of seating one hundred people, and lighted and ventilated on three sides with large French windows. The second floor of this wing is given over to sleeping-rooms.

In 1930, a private dining-room was furnished on the second floor of the original building. Its maple furniture of early American design, the fine collection of old pewter, and the hospitable atmosphere of the room combine to make it a delightful place for small family or private parties. An addition to the house was erected in 1935, providing accommodations for a modern kitchen. The walls of this new addition form a substantial background for the many vines already seeking to cover its surface, as well as the slender, graceful hollyhock and honeysuckle plants which have taken root at its base.

The present landlord of the Beekman Arms, Lewis Finehout Winne, is a native of Cherry Valley. He attended public schools there, and was then a student at Hartwick Seminary. His career has been devoted to the field of hotel management. A member of the Free and Accepted Masons, he is a Past Master of the lodge.

On November 6, 1915, at Pleasant Plains, New York, Lewis Finehout Winne was married to Margaret Reed Hawley, daughter of Dr. H. Reed and Lillian Frost Hawley. They are communicants of the Presbyterian Church, and are the parents of four children, Lillian, who died in May, 1944, Hawley, Robert and Richard.

HORACE S. GRAHAM—Entering the Graham Insurance & Real Estate Company, Inc., after the completion of his education. Horace S. Graham has remained active in this firm, which was founded by his father, continuing at the present time as executive general manager. In addition to his interest in this business, Mr. Graham is associated with other enterprises in the city, and has taken a leading part in local civic affairs. A native of Poughkeepsie, Mr. Graham is well known here, not only because of his business activities, but also because of his membership in local clubs and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Graham was born at Poughkeepsie on October 29, 1908, son of Jesse J. and Elvira (Sague) Graham. His father has been engaged in the insurance business here for many years, having founded the Graham Insur-

ance & Real Estate Company, Inc., in 1910. Horace S. grew up in Poughkeepsie and attended the public schools, receiving in them the customary general education.

He then entered into business in association with his father in the real estate and insurance firm. The business was incorporated in 1929. As the years passed, Mr. Graham gradually accepted more and more of the actual management, until he is now executive general manager of the firm.

Mr. Graham is president of Graham & Robinson, Inc., another local real estate firm. He is vice-president and treasurer of Edward Sheeney, Inc., a concern working in gas distribution. A Democrat in politics, he has been active in the local councils of that party. He is a member of the Poughkeepsie Board of Education. At the present time his military status is that of membership in the temporary reserve of the United States Coast Guard. His business associations at Poughkeepsie include membership in the chamber of commerce.

His favorite hobbies are sailing, boating, and wood-working. He is a member of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club, and of the United States Power Squadron. He belongs to the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club and the Rom-bout Riding and Hunt Club.

On June 28, 1935, Horace S. Graham was married to Lois Homer, daughter of Arthur P. and Anna C. (Whitman) Homer. Her father is a corporation counsel. They are communicants of Christ Episcopal Church here, in which Mr. Graham is a past Sunday school treasurer, and are active together in the social and civic affairs of the community. They are the parents of two children: 1. Michael, born June 23, 1938. 2. Jeffrey, born May 25, 1942.

GEORGE T. WHALEN—The roots and affections of George T. Whalen run deep in the soil of Dutchess County, where incidentally he is a larger owner of its land. Reared and educated in Millbrook in the east central part of the county, he made this section of the Hudson River Valley the scene of his career, which, although starting in banking, for the most part has been identified with real estate and insurance. He is credited with having the largest business in these lines in Dutchess County, and in more recent years he became the president of The Bank of Millbrook, at the youngest age of any president of a similar institution in the county. At all times he has been keenly interested in the development of this part of New York, tireless in his efforts to promote its prosperity and improvement.

Mr. Whalen was born on September 9, 1902, at Washington, New York, son of Thomas M. and Mary H. (Barrett) Whalen. His father, a Dutchess County farmer, later engaged in a meat distributing business in Millbrook. Thomas M. Whalen is a sound citizen, active in civic affairs, and a devoted member of St. Joseph's

Catholic Church, as is the son of this record. The son in question entered The Bank of Millbrook as a youth, and continued in its employ to 1925. This was an outstanding year in his life, for he married, and purchased a real estate and insurance business, which he has developed on a large scale. As already indicated, it is reputed to be the largest of its kind in Dutchess County.

A whole story might be written around The Bank of Millbrook, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1941. Founded in 1891 to serve pressing local needs, it has become an institution of immense value to the community, and has enlisted the best services of some of the most notable citizens of this place. On March 7, 1891, a group of people gathered in the local Women's Christian Temperance Union meeting room, and received word that five hundred shares of stock, at a par value of \$100, had been subscribed. This amount probably was not paid in full, for the outstanding loans of a year later only totaled about \$63,000. The bank president, feeling perhaps that money in hand was worth more than a salary in prospect, declined the promise of \$1,000 annually for \$750 in cash. The bank's reports now deal in figures approaching a million dollars. Although not properly a part of this review, we name the succession of presidents of The Bank of Millbrook: John Donaldson, 1891-99; Richard J. Scoles, 1899-1901; James Reardon, 1901-21; Walter F. Haight, 1921-21 (served from March to June); John F. Pingry, 1921-38; George T. Whalen, 1938—.

Mr. Whalen was only thirty-six or thirty-seven when he assumed the responsibilities of the presidency, a younger man than had ever before been a president of a Millbrook bank. As mentioned he primarily is a realtor and insurance man, but this is only one of his varied business activities for he is president of the Millbrook Land Improvement Company, vice-president of Briar-cliff Farms, Inc., a director of the Commerce Clearing House, and the organizer and former treasurer of the Millbrook Community Center. His love of the land, no doubt inherited from adventurous ancestors, is manifest in the ownership of two great farms with a combined acreage of more than one thousand acres. He has several hundred head of stock upon his estates, but his agriculture is general in character, and directed under his own management. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which he was district deputy for a decade. He is a dependable supporter of movements and organizations that undertake to promote the best interests of Millbrook and Dutchess County. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

In 1925, at Millbrook, New York, George T. Whalen married Lillian Russell, daughter of William C. and Lillie (Backer) Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen are the parents of three children: 1. George T., Jr., born August 6, 1932. 2. Robert W., born November 6, 1934. 3. Richard J., born September 29, 1942.

FREDERICK STERN—As president and treasurer of F. Stern, Inc., Frederick Stern is prominently engaged in the women's apparel business in Newburgh.

Mr. Stern was born October 7, 1881, son of Ferdinand and Fannie (Kurtz) Stern. His father, who was born March 26, 1830, and died April 6, 1913, was a merchant and business man. His mother was born August 14, 1840, and died December 6, 1923. Newburgh public schools provided Frederick Stern's early formal education, and he later graduated from the Newburgh Free Academy. He commenced his active career in association with his father in the women's apparel business in Newburgh, beginning in August, 1899. His father's death left the business wholly in the hands of the younger Mr. Stern, who is now president and treasurer of F. Stern, Inc. This firm was established in 1856 by Ferdinand Stern at No. 124 Water Street, Newburgh, but in 1858, removed to No. 125 Water Street. In 1876 a branch was established at No. 108 Water Street. Then, in 1879, this branch was consolidated with the original plant at No. 81 Water Street, the present site of F. Stern, Inc.

In addition to serving as president and treasurer of this company, Frederick Stern was a director of the Newburgh Building & Loan Association. He is active in community affairs, being a past president of the Newburgh Merchants' Association and the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce. He was a member and vice-president of the Newburgh Board of Education, and formerly a member of the City Planning Commission. He serves on the board of managers of St. Luke's Hospital, and is president of the Committee on Tuberculosis and Public Health. Mr. Stern also belongs to Lodge No. 247, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and was treasurer of the Newburgh Boy Scouts. He is a member, too, of the Rotary Club, the Newburgh Historical Society and the Hudson-Highlands Art Association. He is honorary president of Temple Beth Jacob.

In 1926, June 28th, in Hartford, Connecticut, Frederick Stern married Henrietta Oppen, daughter of Frederick C. and Lena Oppen. Mrs. Stern died March 15, 1941.

EUGENE ALLEN—A representative of those self-made men who constitute such a large and valuable class of American citizens and leaders, Eugene Allen, of Millbrook, has made his way through life and affairs with a quiet force and efficiency that is wholly in the best tradition. He tried his hand at several occupations, before choosing the one of which to make a career, and can look back on three decades of endeavor and service that have won him prominence and approbation among his fellowmen. He has been a funeral director since 1913, for the past twenty years in Millbrook, Dutchess County. In the meanwhile he has entered into many phases of local activities and is well known and popular in fraternal, civic and humanitarian circles, as well as those of his profession, local, district and State.

Mr. Allen was born in the town of Washington, Dutchess County, New York, March 7, 1888, son of John W. and Cora (Vail) Allen. Reared on his father's farm, he attended the grade and high schools of his birth city and was variously employed, both in the country and in the county seat of government. In 1913, after completing courses in the Dr. Renouard School of Embalming, he followed his profession in Bangall for ten years. In 1923, he established a funeral home in Millbrook, which has been continuously improved down the years until it is reputed to be among the finest and most beautiful in Dutchess County. It is hardly necessary to mention that modernization has been his aim, and successfully carried out, in every respect. All that a funeral director can have, and any service rendered, are complete, of the best, surpassed by none.

More than local prominence in his profession has come to Eugene Allen. He was instrumental in the organization of the Second District Funeral Directors Association, and was elected its first president. Formerly he was a director of the New York State Funeral Directors Association, and he is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, and the National Selected Morticians. Fraternally Mr. Allen is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Warren Lodge, No. 32, member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 276, and Washington Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He also is a member of the Dutchess County Society, the Millbrook Volunteer Fire Department, the Community Center, and the Millbrook Men's Club.

At Bangall, New York, March 20, 1909, Eugene Allen married Aline Deuell, and they are the parents of a son: Clifford E., who is associated in business with his father, having entire charge of a separate funeral home in Pleasant Valley, New York. He is married to Cora Conklin and is the father of two children: Doreen D. and Dale Jean.

PHILIP SLUTSKY—Carrying on an extensive practice of law in Ellenville, Philip Slutsky handles cases involving all aspects and phases of the profession.

Mr. Slutsky was born April 15, 1901, in Russia, son of Charles and Rebecca Slutsky. His father was a farmer and a hotel proprietor, a native Russian.

Philip Slutsky was still very young when the family came to America, and he attended public schools in Ellenville through the high school grades. He later became a student at the law school of New York University, where, in 1924, he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar, he commenced his practice in New York City, where he remained until 1932. Then he came to Ellenville and established his own independent practice, which he has continued down to the time of writing.



Ferdinand and Fannie (Kurtz) Stern

In addition to his practice of law, Mr. Slutsky has concerned himself with community affairs from many points of view. A Democrat in his political views, he is a school trustee in Ellenville, and has for three consecutive terms served as a justice of the peace. He has been a delegate to numerous State political conventions, and is widely and favorably known in political circles. He is a director of the Ellenville Credit Union, and in other ways has taken an interest in business affairs in Ellenville and vicinity. Mr. Slutsky is also a member of the Ulster County Bar Association and the Ulster Club. His favorite recreation is gardening.

BENJAMIN LONSTEIN—Practicing law in Ellenville, Benjamin Lonstein is one of this community's widely known professional leaders.

Mr. Lonstein was born September 10, 1909, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Samuel and Lena (Bessar) Lonstein. His father is a summer resort operator, conducting a place near Ellenville.

Public schools in Brooklyn provided Benjamin Lonstein's early formal education, and, after finishing his high school work in Ellenville, he became a student at Fordham University, New York City. Taking a pre-law course there, he afterward studied law at New York University, where, in 1932, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New York State bar on March 15, 1934, Mr. Lonstein commenced the practice of law in Ellenville, where he became a partner of Le Roy Lounsberry. He also, previously, served a clerkship with Mr. Lounsberry. The work of this law firm is widely known, and Mr. Lonstein's contribution to its upbuilding has been a highly valuable one.

He is also a leader in community affairs, being president and a director of the Ellenville Credit Union. He is active in local hospital and Red Cross affairs and in different civilian defense activities. Politically he is an independent Republican. He is a member of the Ulster County Bar Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Congregation Anshetzaydik. He was elected police justice of the village of Ellenville, in March, 1944, for a four-year term. He is active, too, in the furtherance of Boy Scout work in the Ellenville community. In spare moments he enjoys stamp collecting, which is his major recreation and hobby.

Benjamin Lonstein married, September 15, 1935, in New York City, Lillian Peyser. They became the parents of two children: 1. Allan Zan, born August 29, 1939. 2. Susan Carol, born March 30, 1943.

ROGER H. LOUGHRAN—After a colorful career that included World War I service and took him to Argentina, Roger H. Loughran established himself in a general practice of the law in Kingston, Ulster County, where he is one of the leaders in his profession and in

community life. This southeastern city is no new scene of activities for him, for he was born there March 14, 1889, son of Dr. Elbert H. and Mrs. Jessie F. (Hall) Loughran, the father a native of Greene County, New York, and his mother born in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dr. Elbert H. Loughran, born in 1852, and who died in 1929, was long an esteemed physician in Kingston, a former president of the Ulster County Savings Institution, affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and a deacon and elder of the Reformed Dutch Church, having resided at Kingston from the time he joined his uncle, Dr. Robert Loughran, while a young man. Roger H. Loughran was educated in the public schools of Kingston, his birthplace, attended fine old Kingston Academy, and was graduated from Phillips-Andover Academy, class of 1908. At the Yale University School of Law he completed his professional training and was graduated in 1911, a Bachelor of Laws, in the following year being admitted to the New York State bar.

From 1915 to 1917, Mr. Loughran practiced law in partnership with Alfred D. Van Buren in Kingston, New York. In 1919 he became associated with the Admiralty firm of Harrington, Bigham and Englar in New York City. In 1921, as counsel to the United States Shipping Board, he proceeded to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and became identified with the law firm of Edye, Bollaert and Roche, with which he remained until 1925, when he returned to New York City, and rejoined Harrington, Bigham and Englar where he continued until 1932. In that year he returned to Kingston and established his present office and a general practice of law. There was one important interim in his career, when from 1917 to 1919 he was with the United States Naval Reserve Force, first as quartermaster and later as ensign in command of a "sub-chaser." Since resuming civilian life, and identified with Kingston affairs, he has become prominent in civic, political, fraternal and club activities. He is a Republican, a former school trustee, justice of the peace of Hurley, and Special Assistant Attorney General of New York State. He is past president and past lieutenant-governor of the Kingston Kiwanis Club, former chairman of Salvation Army "drives," vice-commander of the American Legion, and is vice-president of the Ulster County Bar Association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Kingston Lodge, No. 10, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of New York State; and has attained the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, a member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the town board at Hurley, New York, of the committee of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a member of its executive board at Kingston, New York. A former deacon, he is now an elder of the First Reformed Dutch Church. One

of his hobbies is growing things and he maintains a farm at Hurley, New York where he has his home.

At Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, on January 21, 1922, Roger H. Loughran married Sue Saxon, of Augusta, Georgia, daughter of A. B. and Sue (Carpenter) Saxon, her father a wholesale grocer in Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Loughran are the parents of two children: 1. Elbert H., born at Buenos Aires, October 21, 1922; educated at Kingston public and high schools; in 1943 completed pre-medical course at Williams College; will graduate in 1946 from Albany Medical School, the fourth generation of his family to follow the profession of medicine. 2. Alberta, born at New York City, February 19, 1927, a graduate of grade and high schools of Kingston; will graduate from Mt. Holyoke College, 1948.

JOSEPH F. SACCOMAN—Extensive service in business and community affairs has led to Joseph F. Saccoman's present position of leadership and high standing in Kingston and vicinity. He is now engaged in the real estate business here, and serves at the time of writing as commissioner on condemnation procedure.

Mr. Saccoman was born June 15, 1903, in Glasgow, New York, son of Gaetano and Giovannina Saccoman. His father was a brickyarder for the U. F. and J. T. Washburn Brick Company for almost fifty years.

Joseph F. Saccoman attended public schools in the town of Ulster and Spencer's Business School in Kingston, New York, and early turned his attention to business affairs. He worked for a time in a brickyard and then operated a grocery store in East Kingston, town of Ulster, where he remained for about eight years. In 1925 he moved his business to Kingston, and for a time was connected with the Ulster County Highway Department. Then, in 1934, he became the representative of the Williams Bakery Company in the local area. Afterward he held a State office in Albany. In 1940 he established his present real estate firm in Kingston, an enterprise that is now widely known and successful.

For years Mr. Saccoman has been an active Democrat. At the time of writing he is active on the Ulster County War Council. He was elected to the board of supervisors of this county in 1941, and in April, 1943, received his appointment as commissioner on condemnation procedure. He is a member of the Washington Hook and Ladder Company, the Eagle Hook and Ladder Company and the Wiltwyck Fire Company. He belongs to the New York State Sheriffs' Association, the New York State Real Estate Board, the Townsend Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church, Kingston. A man of generous nature and impulses, he derives his major satisfaction from helping other people, whether in the business sphere or in the ordinary everyday relationships of life.

In 1925 Joseph F. Saccoman married Helen Carroll, who died in 1937. They became the parents of a son, Robert Saccoman, who was born in 1931 and is at the time of writing a student at St. Joseph's School.

FLOYD WARREN POWELL—The well-known Kingston attorney, Floyd Warren Powell, is one of those exemplary citizens who have not found public service incompatible with professional practice. He has a large clientele and stands well with colleagues. At the same time he is influential in party councils and campaigns, and fills a number of official positions, municipal and State.

Although not a native of Kingston, practically the whole of his life has been identified with this city. Born at Amsterdam, New York, May 14, 1885, he is the son of Charles Edgar and Ada Mary Powell, the former being a paper box manufacturer in Kingston, an ex-alderman from the Ninth Ward in the municipality. Their son attended the local public schools, was graduated from Ulster Academy, Kingston, and matriculated at the Albany Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1908. Admitted to the New York bar, he has since practiced law in Kingston with exceptional success.

Floyd Warren Powell has been interested in politics and good government since before the time he cast his first vote. He has been a Republican for years, and at the present time is Republican Committeeman from the Ninth Ward, Kingston. He was treasurer of the municipality, has served long as a member of the board of education, city of Kingston; was cashier for the New York State Treasury Department; and is attorney for the State Tax Department for Ulster County. During World War I, he was clerk of the Medical Appeal Board, at Albany, New York, and is increasingly prominent in World War II civilian affairs. Fraternally Mr. Powell is affiliated with Rondout Lodge, No. 343, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Ulster County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He and his family attend the Wurts Street Baptist Church of Kingston.

On February 14, 1910, at Kingston, New York, Floyd Warren Powell married J. Estell Johnston, daughter of Robert Henry and Margaret Ann (Dalzell) Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the parents of two sons: 1. Charles Lee Powell, born December 10, 1910, at present in the employ of Canfield Supply Company, of Kingston, New York. 2. Rev. Roger Kingsley Powell, born August 4, 1914, at Camillus, New York.

HAROLD M. KAMP—In Saugerties, Harold M. Kamp is active in the real estate and insurance business, and he has built up along these lines a clientele extending throughout New York State.



Jay W. Powell

Mr. Kamp was born May 2, 1896, in Buffalo, New York, son of Dr. John C. and Louise M. (Wahl) Kamp. His father was a physician in Buffalo until 1916, and from that date practiced in Saugerties, where he carried on his professional work and was serving as health officer at the time of his death, June 18, 1944. The mother, Mrs. Louise M. (Wahl) Kamp, is a landscape artist, specializing in oil paintings of scenes of the Catskills. She studied in Woodstock and Buffalo.

Public schools in Buffalo provided Harold M. Kamp's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies there he became a student at the University of Buffalo, where he was graduated in 1918 with the degree of Analytical Chemist. In January, 1919, he came to Saugerties to live, here associating himself with his father, Dr. John C. Kamp. He was the elder man's secretary and assistant until, in 1927, he established his own insurance business. Seven years later, in 1934, he became a licensed real estate broker, and he now handles all types of insurance, including life insurance, as well as real estate, for an ever-growing clientele.

He is a Republican in politics and has taken a deep interest in public affairs. During the First World War, Mr. Kamp effectively served his country for the duration of hostilities, acting as an analytical chemist with the Aetna Explosives Company at Emporium, Pennsylvania. Fraternally Mr. Kamp is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a past trustee of the Congregational Church.

Mr. Kamp's daughter, Marilyn A. Kamp, was born August 18, 1930, and is a student in public schools in Saugerties at the time of writing.

JACOB H. ROGERS—Active along many lines of private and public endeavor, Jacob H. Rogers is what may be truly termed a community builder in the Saugerties area. He is engaged here in farming operations and in residential and civic building enterprises, and has held a number of responsible public offices.

Mr. Rogers was born March 12, 1890, in Catskill, New York, son of Daniel H. and Margaret (Van Orden) Rogers. His father was a milk and dairy farmer in Catskill.

Jacob H. Rogers attended public schools in Catskill, and after finishing his high school work he attended the Teachers' College in Catskill, where he was graduated in 1911. He taught for a year in Catskill, then for four years in Saugerties, then turned his attention to business affairs. In 1916 he bought a general store and fruit farm in West Saugerties. In 1924 he added a bungalow colony here, a development consisting of twenty-two bungalows. More recently Mr. Rogers has extended his farming activities until he now owns more than four hundred acres, one hundred acres of which are

under cultivation. He has also built and installed in his community a 375,000-gallon reservoir.

In political matters he holds to the Republican view. He was a school director of West Saugerties, and has served for seven years as a member of the town board as justice of the peace. He is a supervisor at the time of writing, having served out an unexpired term in this office and having then been reelected twice for terms of two years each. He is a director of the Saugerties National Bank & Trust Company, and through this medium exerts a considerable influence in financial and business circles. He served two years as secretary and treasurer of the Saugerties Lions Club and a member of the chamber of commerce here. Among his other activities, he belongs to the Centerville Fire Department. He is also a member of the Saugerties Fish and Game Club, and enjoys fishing and hunting as favorite sports and recreations. Fraternally he is active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a past grand and past district deputy of his lodge, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is connected with Ulster Lodge (Saugerties) and is a Past Master of that lodge. In the Masonic Order he is also a member of Catskill Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Catskill Council of Royal and Select Masters, Kingston Commandery of Knights Templar, and Cypress Temple (Albany) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Catskill Reformed Church, in which he was a member of the Young Men's Bible Class.

In June, 1915, in Catskill, New York, Jacob H. Rogers married Rachael Carn, who died June 30, 1943. She was a daughter of Alonzo and Hannah (Rightmyer) Carn. The following were the children of this marriage: 1. Margaret C., born in 1918, graduated from the Spencer Business College, now secretary at the Desmond Mills, Saugerties. She married Earl Grant Benjamin, of Saugerties, a sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps. 2. Marion, born in 1920, graduated from the Spencer Business College, in Kingston, now associated with her father and the Harold Kamp Insurance Company, Saugerties. 3. Eleanor, born in 1924, graduated from the Moran Business School, Kingston, now with the Kingston Trust Company. 4. Jacob Courtland, born in 1925, graduated from Saugerties High School in 1943, with the United States Infantry at the time of writing. He was wounded in France and received the decoration of the Purple Heart. He served in the 79th Division of General Patton's Third Army.

JOHN F. WADLIN—Engaged in an independent practice of law in Highland, John F. Wadlin is specializing here in the law of real property and estates.

Mr. Wadlin was born May 31, 1901, in Brooklyn, New York, son of John J. and Charlotte I. (Voigt) Wadlin. His father was engaged in the steel business.

John F. Wadlin attended public schools in Brooklyn, continuing there through the high school grades, then became a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He was graduated in 1924 as a Bachelor of Laws from the school of law of St. Lawrence University. Admitted to the bar of New York State in 1925, he commenced his practice at No. 67 Wall Street, New York City. In April, 1927, he came to Highland. Here he is now engaged in a constantly growing independent practice, mainly in the law of real property and estates, as indicated above.

In addition, Mr. Wadlin is active in community affairs. He serves as treasurer of the Highland Savings & Loan Association. In politics he is a Republican, and as supervisor of the town of Lloyd he has rendered a highly valuable service. He was elected chairman of the board of supervisors in 1940, and since 1940 he has been a member of the New York State Assembly. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a Past Master of his lodge and a Past District Deputy of the Greene-Ulster County District. He is also a member of other lodges and of different clubs, and is widely known for his activity in civic affairs. He is treasurer of Highland Methodist Church.

In 1935, in Highland, New York, John F. Wadlin married Beatrice Hasbrouck, daughter of Warren G. and Mabel (Harcourt) Hasbrouck. Her father and mother were members of old Ulster County families, and Mrs. Wadlin herself is now associated with her husband in the practice of law. She was graduated in 1934 as a Bachelor of Laws from the school of law of Syracuse University, and was immediately admitted to the bar of this State. Mr. and Mrs. Wadlin became the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth, born September 4, 1936. 2. Diane H., born September 22, 1939. 3. John Jay, born September 24, 1943.

EDWARD H. DEMAREST—Active in the conduct of a feed business in Rosendale, town of Rosendale, Edward H. Demarest is one of the prominent business leaders of this district.

Mr. Demarest was born June 16, 1863, in Ulster County, New York, son of William T. and Jane (De Witt) Demarest. His father, who settled in Rifton, town of Esopus, in 1854 and died in 1900, operated a feed mill there. The older Mr. Demarest was also a wheelwright.

Edward H. Demarest attended public schools in Ulster County and later was graduated from New Paltz Academy. He early associated himself with the feed business of his father, continuing until his father's death. Following the death of his father, the mill at Rifton was sold and Edward H. Demarest then purchased the mill at Rosendale which he is still operating.

In addition, he is vice-president and a director of the Huguenot National Bank, of New Paltz. He is a Republican and a former school trustee, and has for many years been an active fraternalist. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, with which he has been affiliated for more than forty years, and in which he is connected with many branches, including Kingston Commandery of Knights Templar and Cyprus Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Albany. He is a member of the Rosendale Reformed Church. In spare time he likes fishing and hunting, and these are his favorite sports and recreations. He has traveled extensively, visiting every State in the Union, and Canada and South America, and the Hawaiian Islands.

In 1896, in Esopus, New York, Edward H. Demarest married Ida B. Griffith, daughter of John and Ann Griffith. They became the parents of a son, Edward P. Demarest, who was born June 23, 1905. He attended New Paltz Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, where he was graduated as an electrical engineer. Formerly he was associated with the Rolls-Royce organization, in Springfield, Massachusetts, but he is now associated with his father in business. He is chairman of the board of trustees of Rosendale Free School. He married Ruth Hudson, and they became the parents of a son, Robert T. Demarest, who was born May 23, 1939.

CHARLES C. HARDENBERGH—For many years Charles C. Hardenbergh was one of the prominent citizens of Stone Ridge, distinguishing himself as a miller and farmer on the old Hardenbergh estate and taking his full share of responsibility with relation to civic life. He was widely known and honored among his fellow-citizens, and earned the affection of a host of friends who were appreciative of his excellent personal qualities and his wholehearted devotion to worth-while principles of thinking and living.

Mr. Hardenbergh was born July 7, 1857, in Stone Ridge, New York, son of Cornelius and Mary (Nottingham) Hardenbergh. His father was also a miller and farmer. The ancient family house was built in 1762 by Leonard Hardenbergh. It still retains its original structure, and most of the original furniture is within. It is a special hobby and interest of the present Mrs. Hardenbergh to keep a sort of amateur museum here, and her home is one of the noted places in the State. It has been written about in many magazines.

After Charles C. Hardenbergh completed his preliminary education, he studied at Syracuse University, then took up the study of law. The death of his father prevented him from finishing his professional training, and he took over the long-time interests of his family. Becoming a miller and farmer on the original Harden-



Henry G. Sillcutt

bergh estate, which has been in the family for six generations, he developed the work to outstanding proportions and concerned himself at the same time with the welfare of his community and district.

He was a staunch Democrat and a leader in party affairs. He was a member and one of the organizers of the Stone Ridge Grange, and early became active in all its affairs and in the civic life of the community as a whole. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On February 1, 1888, in Kingston, New York, Charles C. Hardenbergh married Edith Mattoon, daughter of Cassius Mattoon and Helen (Van Buren) Mattoon. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Cornelius M., who attended Kingston Academy and is now operating a farm; he married Amy Van Wagner. 2. Leonard N., who was a farmer in East Chatham, and is now employed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company; he married Georgia Tingly, and they became the parents of a son, Richard C., who is now serving his country in the navy. 3. Margaret, wife of Ross K. Osterhout and mother of their two sons, William K. and Charles C. 4. William, who is a major serving in the army in France; he married Marion Kingman, and they became the parents of two children, Barbara and Daniel Hardenbergh; Mrs. Marion (Kingman) Hardenbergh, the mother of these children, now lives in Hurley.

The death of Charles C. Hardenbergh, on February 26, 1935, was an occasion of profound sorrow among his many friends in this region of New York State. His accomplishments were many and productive, and he will long be affectionately remembered by a host of friends in all walks and departments of life.

JOHN RUPLEY SCHWARTZ—As district attorney of Dutchess County for the past fifteen years, Poughkeepsie lawyer for a longer period, and prominent citizen and club man, John Rupley Schwartz is both well known and esteemed for service of the county and its shire seat. He was born in this city, March 26, 1895, son of Albert E. and Mary C. (Rupley) Schwartz, both natives of Dutchess County. His mother died in 1935; his father was a retired cigar manufacturer and died June 6, 1944.

John Rupley Schwartz attended local schools and the Riverview Military Academy, before matriculating at Cornell University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. His law studies were interrupted by the First World War, and he was commissioned in the United States Army and served with infantry units with the American Expeditionary Forces. Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Schwartz refreshed himself in his studies and on October 26, 1920, was admitted to the bar and initiated a general practice of his profession in Pough-

keepsie. His clients have increased rapidly with the years and he is one of the busiest lawyers in the city.

In more public activities, Mr. Schwartz was appointed assistant district attorney of Dutchess County, on December 15, 1922, serving exceptionally for seven years. In 1928 he was made a special deputy and worked in connection with the Attorney General of the State of New York until 1929, when he was elected district attorney of Dutchess County, the post he has since filled most capably. Mr. Schwartz is a member and past president of the Dutchess County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and is a former president of the New York State District Attorneys Association. Community activities include memberships in the Rotary Club, the American Legion Post, of which he is a past commander, county commander, and a former State adjutant; the Amrita Club of Poughkeepsie, of which he is secretary and trustee, Cornell Club, of New York, and the Dutchess Golf and Country Club. Mr. Schwartz is a member of the board of visitors of the State Teachers College at New Paltz, New York. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order, and the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie.

On April 22, 1926, John Rupley Schwartz married Anne LeFerre Poucher, of Poughkeepsie, daughter of John W. Poucher, M. D., a prominent physician of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz are the parents of a daughter, Catharine Dubois, born October 25, 1929.

HARRY GOULD SILLECK—Harry Gould Silleck, who has served as supervisor of the town of Putnam Valley since January 1, 1917, with the exception of the years 1928-29, is without doubt the best known resident of the township. A native son of Putnam Valley, he is a descendant of a family that came to that vicinity nearly two hundred years ago from Connecticut. The family is of Welsh descent and was established in Putnam Valley by Gould Silleck, who was one of the pioneer settlers of that section and established his home at Adams Corners, where the subject of this sketch lives.

Supervisor Silleck is a son of the late Henry G. Silleck and Phoebe Baxter Silleck and was born March 11, 1886, at the homestead near Adams Corners in the house across the Peekskill Hollow road from his present residence. He attended the public school at Adams Corners and at an early age assisted his father with the work on the large Silleck farm. He continued the operation of this farm until 1927 when the family sold it to August Hecksner who converted it into a summer camp for children, adding several dormitories to house hundreds during each summer season. Mr. Silleck then built a new home across the road on a part of the farm which he retained.

Forty years ago he became a member of the Putnam Valley Grange which his parents had been instrumental in organizing and during the years he has held all of the offices in that grange, being a Past Master and the treasurer at present. He has also been a member of the Putnam-Westchester Pomona Grange for many years and served as its secretary for eighteen years. He has been a member of Croton Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Brewster for ten years and a director of the Westchester County National Bank at Peekskill for several years.

Mr. Silleck became active in the councils of the Democratic party when a young man and was elected supervisor in November, 1916, which marked the start of what has become an illustrious career in the civic and political life of Putnam County. He ably demonstrated his ability in the management of the town government in his first term and has been reelected every two years since then with the exception of the year 1927, when in one of the most keenly contested elections in the township he was defeated by a few votes by Cortlandt Christian, an old and widely known resident of the town.

During a part of these two years Mr. Silleck served as a member of the Putnam County Planning and Development Commission, which planned and was instrumental in building a comprehensive county system of fifty miles of improved highways, including the main cross county road. Since 1929 he has been elected supervisor of Putnam Valley at every biennial town election.

As a member of the board of supervisors of Putnam County, Mr. Silleck has served on all of the major committees and for many years was designated on equalization of assessments as well as apportionment of mortgage taxes. He served four years as chairman of the board of supervisors and is a recognized authority on town and county government. He has been a member of the Democratic County Committee for several years, a director of the Putnam Valley Democratic Club and was the candidate of his party for county clerk at one time.

On October 14, 1914, Mr. Silleck was united in marriage with Bertha Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Barrett, who were likewise lifelong residents of Putnam Valley. They have two children: Margaret, wife of Roger Curry, principal of the Garrison Union School, and First Lieutenant Harry G. Silleck, Jr., a navigator serving in the 8th Air Force in Europe, who had completed twenty-five missions on February 1, 1945.

GLENDON BATES—Poughkeepsie is one of the best known and least known cities of the mid-Hudson River Valley section of New York. Countless people have often seen it from the wharf of the river steamers, the railroad train or high bridge, but never realize its importance industrially and the variety of its products. Only in the trade, perhaps, is it well known that in this city is the only plant and company between New York

City and up-State Syracuse that is completely equipped to rebind library and school books, as well as the regular binding of new publications. This firm is the Glendon Bates Company, of which the gentleman of the same name is sole owner, with his plant and offices on New Market Street, Poughkeepsie.

A native of Horicon, New York, Mr. Bates was born February 12, 1873, son of Charles H. and Cynthia P. (Barton) Bates, both of whom came originally from northern New York State, where and elsewhere, his father was identified with the lumber industry and with agriculture. Their son was educated in the Horicon public schools and the famous Eastman Business College, which in that day attracted students from all over the United States, especially the South. After being variously employed for a number of years, Glendon Bates, in 1907, purchased the book binding business of William Wallace Smith, in Poughkeepsie. This concern had been founded as long ago as 1852, being one of the pioneer enterprises of its kind in this part of New York State. It had been initiated when the assembling of a book was a slow hand process, and while its reputation had grown with the years its internal improvements had been none too great. With the advent of Mr. Bates, and down through the past thirty-six years, modernization has been the watchword of the bindery. As already mentioned, the Glendon Bates Company is the only one of its kind equipped to do the rebinding of school and library books between New York City and middle upper New York State. Much of its business comes from a wide area, extending from the American metropolis to Albany and beyond.

Personally, Mr. Bates is widely and favorably known and esteemed. He long has played a rôle in local affairs and is a dependable supporter of any and all projects that are undertaken to benefit Poughkeepsie and its people. There are few better liked members of the Rotary Club and the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon and has served in a number of other official capacities. He is one of the board of trustees of the local Old Men's Home and the Old Ladies' Home.

In 1910, Glendon Bates married Sadie Eggleston, of Millerton, New York.

NORMAN H. POLHEMUS—In southeastern New York, particularly that part that is called the mid-Hudson Valley section, the name Polhemus is one of the oldest and best known. A member of the present day generation, Norman H. Polhemus, prominent business man and financier of Poughkeepsie, is a native of Dutchess County, and throughout the most of his life has been identified with the Hudson River region. He is president of the strong Home Coöperative Savings & Loan Association, of the county seat of Dutchess County, and

very much to the fore in movements and organizations that make for the benefit of this community.

Born September 30, 1903, he is the son of George Warren and Julia E. (Hanna) Polhemus, his father being an oil distributor. The son of this record completed his academic education at Middlebury College, Vermont, from which he was graduated a Bachelor of Science with the class of 1925. His first employment of importance was with the General Electric Company, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore, Maryland, being connected with the production department. Then for two years he worked for the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company, as director of operations, stationed at the corporation's Kingston office. In 1934, Mr. Polhemus accepted appointment as executive director of the Dutchess County Civil Works Administration, and did excellent work in what was frequently a thankless task. In December of 1934, he joined the Home Coöperative Savings & Loan Association, first as assistant treasurer. Later he became treasurer and since June, 1943, he has been president of the association, and is reputed to be doing another of his skilled and progressive jobs, and has won recognition as one of the outstanding men of the younger group in Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County. One of his favorite connections is that with the Community Chest of the city, of which he was treasurer and member of the board of directors, devoting a great deal of time and energy to the promotion of its activities. He is a member of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, of several local clubs, and the Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an elder. He also is affiliated with the Holland Society, and is, no doubt, eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, but there is no chapter of this society in Poughkeepsie.

In 1927, Norman H. Polhemus married Helen W. Freese, and they are the parents of a daughter, Sally, born July 13, 1933.

THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM—The election of Thomas J. Cunningham in 1940, as mayor of Beacon, the second largest city in Dutchess County, was a richly deserved recognition of his keen and constructive interest in the progress and betterment of the community since young manhood. His administration, which assumed heavy responsibilities and burdens during these war times, and was marked by wise foresight, the introduction of numerous modern ideas and methods of government, and excellent efficiency combined with reasonable economy in producing needed results.

Mr. Cunningham had long been identified with one of the oldest business firms in the Beacon area, founded some fifty-eight years ago by his father. Thomas J. Cunningham was born in Beacon, Dutchess County, August 13, 1897, son of Thomas J. Cunningham, Sr., and Jennie (McCallin) Cunningham. Thomas J. Cunnin-

ham, Sr., a native of Peekskill, New York, started a feed mill and supply business in 1885, which he continued to operate until his death in 1929. He was one of the prominent citizens of Beacon, connected with many of its organizations, a director of banks and a man sincerely mourned by friends and acquaintances in all walks of life.

Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr., early in life became associated with his father's business and was joined later by a brother, Edward V. K. Cunningham. Both were thoroughly familiar with the feed and supply trade when in 1929, they took over the concern and changed its name to T. J. Cunningham & Sons. The business has been incorporated since 1935 as T. J. Cunningham's Sons, Inc., and at that time the following officers were elected: Thomas J. Cunningham as president; Edward V. K. Cunningham as vice-president and treasurer; and Bette H. Cunningham (daughter of the president) as secretary. As mentioned, this firm is one of the oldest in Dutchess County and serves a large territory.

Mayor Cunningham was a member of the board of directors of the Matteawan National Bank, the Fishkill Savings Bank, and was interested in several minor enterprises. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Commandery, Knights Templar; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a popular member of the Kiwanis Club and a former director, and was a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church at Beacon. His leadership in the mayoralty post, until his death brought his service to an end, was highly approved by the electorate and a large following.

On August 20, 1917, Thomas J. Cunningham married E. Geraldine Hall, of Beacon, daughter of Ira J. Hall and Florence (Fletcher) Hall, and they became the parents of a daughter: Bette H., born November 30, 1921. She is a graduate of Oakwood Private School and Fairfax Junior College at Waynesboro, Virginia, now serving as vice-president of T. J. Cunningham's Sons, Inc.

Mr. Cunningham died December 26, 1943, his brother becoming president of this company, following Mr. Cunningham's death, and Mr. Cunningham's daughter becoming vice-president of the company at that time.

RALPH T. WATERMAN—By choice, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, has been the scene of the whole life and activities of Ralph T. Waterman. He is the well-known senior partner of Waterman & Heaton, which does a general business in insurance, serving a large clientele. Public-spirited and progressive, he is identified with many phases of civic and social affairs, a citizen exceptionally loyal to the best interests of the community.

Mr. Waterman was born in Kinderhook, April 19, 1901, son of George B. and Catherine B. (Hawley) Waterman, his father being associated for forty-three years

with the DeLaval Separator Company of Poughkeepsie and now retired. Not so long after completing his academic education, Ralph T. Waterman entered the United States Army, where he served from 1918 to May, 1922, and then entered the insurance business and for several years was connected with the firm of Vail & Vail. Then he established his own office, and later, in 1933, formed a partnership with A. Russell Heaton as Waterman & Heaton. As already noted, this concern provides a coverage in all kinds of insurance, including life, and renders service over a wide area in and around the county seat of Dutchess County.

With almost any of the projects planned and undertaken for the benefit of Poughkeepsie, Mr. Waterman is vigorously identified. Everyone knows him and his friends are legion. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Halcyon Lodge, No. 832, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He likewise is a former president of the Poughkeepsie Kiwanis Club, and is a former director of the city chamber of commerce. Other memberships include chiefly, those in hunting and fishing clubs offering opportunities to indulge in his favorite sports. A member of the Friends Meeting House, he has served on its board of finance. Mr. Waterman is active in Boy Scout work being scout master of Troop No. 16, at the Friends Meeting House in Poughkeepsie.

December 25, 1922, Ralph T. Waterman married Katharine H. Otis, of Poughkeepsie, daughter of Dr. John H. Otis and Louise Nathalie (Smith) Otis, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Otis T. Waterman, born July 10, 1930. 2. Nathalie Waterman, born November 16, 1932. 3. R. George Waterman, born September 17, 1935.

DALTON B. FALOOD—After having been engaged in the manufacture of chemicals in other cities, Dalton B. Falood came to Beacon in 1931. Here he organized the Hammond Paint & Chemical Company for the purpose of producing paints and insecticides. The development of this corporation, in which Mr. Falood has held the positions of president and treasurer since its organization, has made Mr. Falood one of the leading figures in the business and industrial life of the city of Beacon. In the manufacturing firm, he is associated with his brother, O. James Falood, who is vice-president and secretary. During his more than a decade of residence in Beacon, Mr. Falood has become fully identified with the various facets of community life here. He is a member of local social and fraternal organizations, is interested in civic affairs, and has consistently given his support to measures calculated to be of advantage to the citizens of the city.

Mr. Falood was born on November 9, 1895, at Dubois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, son of O. James and

Mary (Boyles) Falood. His father, who was a native of Red Bank, Pennsylvania, was engaged during his lifetime in the railroad industry; he died in 1932.

Dalton B. received his early education in the public schools of his native State. He then matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, entering upon a program of technical and scientific studies. During the World War, Mr. Falood enlisted in the aviation division of the United States Navy; he held the rank of ensign, and was stationed at Miami and Pensacola. After the war, he continued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1919.

After graduation from college, Mr. Falood entered employment in the chemical manufacturing industry. He was associated prior to 1931 with the Grasselli Corporation, working for this firm at Cleveland, Ohio, and at other of their plants.

In 1931, he came to Beacon. Here he founded the Hammond Paint & Chemical Company, in which his efforts as a manufacturer have since been centered. In addition to his duties as chief executive of the producing corporation, Mr. Falood is an inventor, holding numerous patents on products developed by the company.

The Hammond Paint & Chemical Company occupies a large, modern plant at Beacon. There is a total of one hundred and fifty thousand feet of floor space available for its work. The firm employs sixty-five workers in its operations, and in normal times distributes its products throughout the civilized countries of the world. It is one of the largest manufacturers of insecticides. All equipment in the plant is modern; full precautions have been taken to insure the safety of the employees. The company maintains group insurance, and provides satisfactory conditions in every respect.

The offices of president and treasurer of the company are held by Dalton B. Falood. His brother, O. James, (*q. v.*), is vice-president and secretary. The company by its production and employment contributes substantially to local industry. Dalton B. Falood is also president and treasurer of the Rose Manufacturing Company. In addition to his accomplishments as inventor and administrator, he has also written articles for general and technical magazines dealing with matters within the range of his interest. He is the author of an outstanding technical book, "Zinc Oxide."

Mr. Falood is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Beacon. He belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution and to the Society of Colonial Wars. His other social affiliations include membership in the Southern Dutchess Country Club.

In 1928, Dalton B. Falood was married to Adele Grafe-man. They are communicants of the Methodist Church here, and have been active together in the social and civic enterprises of their home city.



Fanny S. Taylor

RAINEY S. TAYLOR—Since some months after graduation from the New York Law School, somewhat more than two decades ago, Rainey S. Taylor has been an increasingly outstanding lawyer of Middletown, New York. Like others of his day and generation, his studies and career were interrupted by service in World War I, overseas.

He is a native of Middletown, New York, born November 27, 1896, a son of Archibald and Marguerite (Startup) Taylor, and a brother of Archibald Taylor, insurance executive, and a nephew of former Senator John C. R. Taylor. The father was the founder of the Archibald Taylor Insurance Company and was associated with that company and its immediate predecessors from 1886 until the date of his death, which occurred in 1926, and was one of the prominent citizens of the city and actively participated in its public life.

Rainey S. Taylor was educated in the grade and high schools of Middletown, Princeton University, Harvard University, and the New York Law School, from which he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. As indicated, he left college to enlist for World War I service and served overseas with the American Ambulance Field Service, with the French Army, and with the American Expeditionary Forces from May, 1917, through November, 1918, and was discharged in January of 1919 at Washington, District of Columbia, with the rank of sergeant first class. Upon his return to civilian life, he continued his chosen career, and in 1923 was admitted to the New York State bar. He began the practice of his profession as an associate with the law firm of Taylor and Royce, and is now a member of the firm of Royce, Taylor and Shaw.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the City of Middletown, the Orange County, and the New York State Bar associations, and is a director of The Homestead Building & Loan Association, and has been its attorney since 1930. In 1925 he was elected a member of the board of education of the city of Middletown for a term of four years and was reelected in 1929 and served until June, 1930. During the last three years of his membership on the board, he was president of it and was a member of the board of estimate and apportionment. He was a member of the New York State Assembly for seven years from 1931 through 1937, and is influential in the councils of the Republican party.

Fraternally Mr. Taylor is affiliated with the Masonic Order, a member of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, of which he was Master in 1928, and of Midland Chapter, No. 240, and is a member of the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company of the city, the Middletown Club, the Orange County Golf Club, the Orange County Society of the City of New York, and is a twenty-five year member of the Middletown Post of the American Legion. He has been since its inception the chairman of the Middletown War Price and Rationing Board. He is also a member of

the board of directors of The Elizabeth A. Horton Memorial Hospital, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown, of which he is a former president of the board of trustees.

At Middletown, New York, on November 15, 1922, Rainey S. Taylor married Irene C. Jordan, a daughter of Increase C. and Sarah Emma (Seybolt) Jordan. They are the parents of two children: 1. Rainey S. Taylor, Jr., born July 22, 1924, who attended the Lawrenceville School and Princeton University, prior to his enlistment in the United States Army for service in World War II and who is now serving in France. 2. Mary Jordan Taylor, born February 7, 1926.

CLAUDE VAN NOSTRAN—Associated with the Dutchess Tool Company in Beacon for a period of four decades, Claude Van Nostran was concerned in the recent changes in the organization of this firm, during which the entire business, including the title, was sold to provide for a new company to engage in the manufacture of war materials. In the new firm, which is titled the Dutchess Tool Company, Inc., the officers are: president, John H. Lidgerwood; executive vice-president, Louis Tenerelli; treasurer and secretary, E. F. Pearce. Mr. Van Nostran now holds the positions of vice-president and resident manager. During his residence in Beacon, he has become associated in business, financial and social affairs here. While not interested in seeking office for himself, he has turned his attention also toward civic affairs here, and has lent his assistance to projects likely to lead to the general benefit of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Van Nostran was born at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, on May 17, 1872, son of Hobart and Susan (Seddon) Van Nostran, natives of New York and of Paterson, New Jersey, respectively. His father was engaged in the trade of wagon making.

Claude received his early education in the public schools, then enrolled in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie. He worked as an employee of the United States Post Office Department, of the Express Agency, and of the Dutchess Print Works.

In 1903, Mr. Van Nostran came to Beacon to take a position as accountant for the Dutchess Tool Company; while working for this firm during the succeeding years, he has held practically every administrative position. In 1941, the reorganization of the business took place, during which the firm was incorporated. At that time, Mr. Van Nostran reached his present position of vice-president and resident manager of the Dutchess Tool Company, Inc.

His other business associations here include the position of director of the Beacon Savings Bank. He is past president of the Highland Hospital and a member of the Beacon Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Wappingers Falls lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons,

and of the chapter in Newburgh of the Royal Arch Masons.

In 1903, Claude Van Nostran was married to Jessie Rachel Lawson, of New Hamburg. They are communicants of the Methodist Church at New Hamburg, in which Mr. Van Nostran is a member of the official board, president of the board of trustees, and past president of the laymen's league, Poughkeepsie District, New York Conference.

RUDOLPH H. POGOLKY—In the Dutchess Tool Company, Inc., at Beacon, Rudolph H. Pogolky, who has been an employee for almost four decades, has advanced to the position of tool planning engineer. Previously employed as a machinist in Poughkeepsie, Mr. Pogolky came to the Beacon firm with a sufficient foundation in this type of work to be able to rise rapidly to a supervisory position. Active in civic affairs here, Mr. Pogolky has enjoyed throughout his residence in the city the friendship and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He is a member of numerous local social and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Pogolky was born in Germany, on August 12, 1873, son of Charles and Ernestina (Krieger) Pogolky, both natives of Germany. His father, who was a stationary engineer by profession, died in 1921; the mother died in 1912.

Rudolph H. received his formal education in the public schools of this country. His first business association was with the Pelton Carpet Company, in Poughkeepsie. Later he was employed by a sash and blind firm, was in business with George Sague, and found his final employment in Poughkeepsie at the DeLaval Separator Company. While working there, he learned the trade of machinist, making preparation for his future career.

Coming to Beacon in 1904, Mr. Pogolky took a position as a machinist at the Dutchess Tool Company. After serving in various other capacities, he advanced to the position of superintendent of the plant. This post he filled efficiently, enjoying the respect and confidence of the men who worked under his supervision. He later became tool planning engineer of the company. He retired on December 4, 1943, just thirty-nine years to the day from the time he started with the company.

The Dutchess Tool Company was reorganized in 1941, with the purpose of forming a firm to engage in the manufacture of war materials; the entire business, including the title, was sold to a new organization. In the new firm the officers are: John H. Lidgerwood, president; Louis Tenerelli, vice-president; E. F. Pearce, treasurer; T. J. Blake, secretary; and vice-president in charge of operations, Claude Van Nostran.

Mr. Pogolky is treasurer of the Beacon Savings & Loan Association. His social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons,

of which he is a Past Master; the Commandery of the Knights Templar; the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a past noble grand and a past district deputy; and the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1901, Rudolph H. Pogolky was married to Mary Wirsch, of Poughkeepsie. They are communicants of the Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Pogolky serves as a member of the vestry.

CHARLES M. STORM—With his brother, Elton G., (*q. v.*), Charles M. Storm has conducted the business in coal and supplies which was left to them by their father, Garrett Storm. The business, which was first acquired by the Storm family through purchase in 1900, was conducted by Garrett Storm until his death in 1914. At that time management was taken over by Elton G. Storm, who now holds the office of president in the firm of Garrett Storm, Inc. Charles M. Storm is vice-president and treasurer. Throughout his adult life, his chief business interest has been in his work for this concern, and much of his attention has been devoted to the expansion of the business. In recent years, fuel oil was added to the other supplies handled by the company.

Mr. Storm was born on October 11, 1893, at Beacon, son of Garrett and Sarah (Anderson) Storm, natives of Dutchess County, and of Newburgh, New York, respectively. His mother died in 1909, his father in 1914; the latter was responsible for the acquisition of the business now conducted by his sons.

Growing up at Beacon, Charles M. attended the public schools here, receiving the usual preparatory education. He then continued his studies at Columbia University, and graduated from that institution.

Returning to Beacon, he became associated with the family business in coal and other supplies. The firm had been originally founded by James T. Brett, member of one of the oldest families of southern Dutchess County, at a time previous to the Civil War. The business has continued in the hands of the Storm family since its purchase by Garrett Storm in 1900.

During the World War, Mr. Storm enlisted in the United States Navy, and was assigned to duty in Newport, Rhode Island, and in Washington, District of Columbia. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion, and of local clubs.

In 1925, Charles M. Storm was married to Helen C. Pestana. They are communicants of the Presbyterian Church here, and are active together in social and civic enterprises of the community. They are the parents of one daughter, Helen A., who was born on November 15, 1926.

EDWIN CRAWFORD KENNEDY—The Dutchess Tool Company, Inc., is one of the many concerns all over the United States that are making important contributions to the successful prosecution of the Second



Harry E. Keevil

World War. Edwin Crawford Kennedy is general superintendent of its Beacon, Dutchess County, works, an engineer of large experience and exceptional skill. Although a relatively new citizen of this second largest city of the county, he has entered actively into local affairs and won the approval of his fellowmen for his progressive outlook and readiness to serve in any capacity, small or large.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, October 28, 1894, son of Henry W. and Sarah Jane (Hutchinson) Kennedy, his mother coming originally from England. Henry W. Kennedy, a native of New Jersey, was formerly connected with the baggage department of the Southern Pacific Steamship Company. The son, of this record, rounded out his academic education in the public schools and thereafter pursued courses in mechanical engineering and design. He began the designing of mechanical devices with the Celluloid Company of Newark, New Jersey, and thereafter was associated with the Sundh Electric Company and the Carrier Corporation. He then went with a company that was absorbed by the Dutchess Tool Company, Inc., of Beacon, in 1942, of which, as has been mentioned, he is general superintendent.

The place Mr. Kennedy has attained in industry is wholly of his own achievement, material resources or the influence of powerful leaders having nothing to do with this advancement. His gifts for machine design, combined with inventive genius has won deserved recognition and he likewise is rated an efficient executive, one who finds little difficulty in getting along with employees and heads of the business. During the First World War he served with the engineering corps of the United States Army. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order. He is a popular member of the Kiwanis, of Beacon, the Chelsea Yacht Club, and the J. Morris Goring-William Kurtz Post of the American Legion. He worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1920, Edwin Crawford Kennedy married Edith N. Cox, of Newark, New Jersey, and they are the parents of three daughters: Naomi M., a student nurse at Vassar Hospital; Nancy L., attending Cooper Union Art School; and Norma E., a student in the grade schools.

HARRY E. KEEVILL—Engaged all through his active career in the transportation business, Harry E. Keevill is president and general manager of the Cornwall Public Service Corporation, of Cornwall, which at the time of writing has seventeen units and carries on a tremendous volume of business.

Mr. Keevill was born December 25, 1893, in Cornwall, New York, son of Thomas and Susan (Sanders) Keevill, both of England. His father was for years engaged in mill work.

Public schools provided Harry E. Keevill's early formal education, and after he completed his studies he became active in the transportation business. He has continued to be so engaged down to the time of writing, carrying forward in its modern form important transportation enterprises in the Cornwall area of New York State. Many years ago George E. Davis owned the old stagecoach line operating between Cornwall and Newburgh. Then his two sons, Frank E. and Walter Davis, carried on the bus line in a subsequent development of the industry. Finally a consolidation of all the smaller lines came about in 1910, when all joined together to form the Cornwall Public Service Corporation. Frank E. Davis was the first president; James Brunton was vice-president; and Mr. Keevill was treasurer. Afterward Mr. Keevill was made president and general manager, and he so continues down to the time of writing. The line started with only one bus some years ago, but the growth of the corporation has been such that its business is now a tremendous one involving a total of seventeen units.

In addition to his business activities and particularly his leadership in building up the Cornwall Public Service Corporation, Mr. Keevill has been prominent in community affairs in Cornwall, where he is treasurer of Cornwall Hospital. He belongs to the City Club and the Cornwall Golf Club, and is a Past Master of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 721, in the Free and Accepted Masons. Serving his country during the World War of 1914-18, he enlisted in the field artillery and took part in the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and other offensives, holding a sergeant's rating. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His chief recreations are horseback riding and fishing.

On November 5, 1925, Harry E. Keevill married Edith Whitehill Strong, of New York, daughter of George W. Strong and Mary Wilson Strong. They became the parents of one daughter, Louisa Ann Keevill, who was graduated from the Mount St. Mary School.

PAUL J. HAIGHT—Mayor of Millbrook, Paul J. Haight is of the third generation of his family to be outstanding in this charming Dutchess County town. While operating in business under his own name, he is successor to a family enterprise inaugurated a few years after the end of the Civil War, and which for seventy-five years has served the community and its environs unusually well. To the community he devotes conscientiously the same qualities of mind and experience that have made him a success in commerce.

Paul J. Haight was born at Millbrook, New York, August 24, 1900, son of Jay Haight and his wife the former E. Maude Smith, the latter of whom is living, surviving her husband who died in June, 1920. After completing his formal education, he entered the business founded by his grandfather, Reuben Haight, in 1868. This

concern was initiated in a small way to deal in flour, feed and grain. In 1887 Jay Haight, father of the subject of this record, and Howard Haight, started a retail feed business at the present location, and this was gradually enlarged by them during the following years. After the death of Jay Haight in 1920, the business was operated by Howard Haight and Mrs. E. Maude (Smith) Haight. Since that time the son, Paul J. Haight, the latter now being the principal owner, has carried on. In 1924 the name was changed from Howard Haight & Company to Paul J. Haight & Company. Lumber and builders' supplies were added to the business; in 1930 the sale of oil and fuels became a branch. Later, in 1940, the company purchased Swift Bros., Inc., here, dealers in lumber and coal, and this concern was added to the present business.

As already indicated, Paul J. Haight has the honor of being the mayor of this community, a post for which he is exceptionally well fitted, a fact widely recognized by the people of the place. His administration has been notable for the introduction and sponsoring of many progressive measures of importance to the town. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Halcyon Lodge, No. 832, and is a vestryman and trustee of the local Protestant Episcopal Church.

On February 22, 1924, Paul J. Haight married Dorothy Burch, of Millbrook, and they are the parents of a daughter, Nancy Jane, born December 11, 1929.

MYRON B. LANE—On September 24, 1944, Myron B. Lane celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his association with Willson & Eaton, an old established business of Amenia, Dutchess County. Down through many years of this long period, he has been an important factor in advancing the strength of the company, which he serves as vice-president and general manager. Likewise he has been continuously to the fore in local life and affairs.

Mr. Lane did not come from any far place to Amenia, for he was born November 23, 1874, in Litchfield County, Connecticut, which is only a short distance from the Dutchess County town. He is the son of George H. and Anna (Bierce) Lane, both natives of Litchfield County. He was nineteen years of age when he entered the employ of Willson & Eaton. The history of this company is so much a part of the story of Myron B. Lane, that something concerning it is in order. It was founded in 1878 by G. T. Willson and Lewis F. Eaton as a co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on a business dealing in feed, fuels and builders' supplies. It was not a particularly propitious year for the inauguration of such an enterprise, for the United States was still suffering from some of the after effects of the Civil War. But a period of prosperity was in the making and the firm became solidly established and began its slow but

sure policy of expansion that characterized its history. In 1903 the business was incorporated, with C. B. Morgan as the first president; George Stephenson was the second to head the corporation, and the third and present executive is Edward Bryan, of Pine Plains, New York, who has been president since 1930. Throughout many years of the company, Mr. Eaton had been the dominating influence to his death in the fall of 1930. Since this year, Myron B. Lane has been vice-president and general manager with Cecelia M. (Burke) Williams (*q. v.*) as treasurer and George D. Berry as secretary. It is the oldest and largest concern of its kind in this section of Dutchess County, doing business within a radius of twenty miles, which takes it well on into Litchfield County, Connecticut. One single piece of equipment indicates the size of its operations—a private railroad siding with a capacity of ten freight cars. Mr. Lane has always been keenly interested in the improvement and prosperity of Amenia and neighboring sections. In both the First and Second World Wars he has served on various boards and committees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. He belongs to the Amity Club and to the Presbyterian Church, at Wassaic, of which he is an elder and trustee. Civic service might well be called his hobby, and chief interest, outside of family, children and business. He conscientiously and vigorously has fulfilled his duties and made the best use of opportunities for constructive work for the community, all without seeking the limelight of public approval or acceptance of political office.

In 1898, Myron B. Lane married Eleanor F. Loper, of South Amenia, daughter of Orson Loper, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Willson, married Theresa Farley, of Hyde Park, New York, and they have two sons, Willson George and Myron David. 2. Robert, married Clara Huck, of Ellis, Kansas.

CECELIA M. (BURKE) WILLIAMS—It is probable that the feature of her remarkable career Cecelia M. (Burke) Williams is most proud of is the fact that for forty-six years she has been identified with one of the important business corporations of Amenia, Dutchess County. It likewise is probable that a host of friends and acquaintances admire her as a regular person who has taken her rightful place in the social, civic and humanitarian life of the community. She never has been a passive spectator of the passing parade of the developments of the passing years; she has played many parts well in this drama and contributed not a little to progress and betterment.

Cecelia Williams, as she is universally known, is a native of Millerton, Dutchess County, born May 16, 1879, daughter of John C. and Mary A. (Mack) Burke, her father being a railroad man. She was educated in the

public schools and a business college, but never found it necessary to leave beautiful Dutchess County seeking opportunity in business or useful citizenship. In 1887 she went with the Willson & Eaton Company, in a minor capacity. She advanced to more important positions and since 1930 has been the very capable treasurer of this outstanding company. She also is president of Lane, Eaton & Smith Company.

Willson & Eaton Company is one of those businesses that government and statistical officialdom place in the category of "neighborhood" or local enterprises, because they do not engage in interstate commerce. Actually Willson & Eaton does business in both New York and Connecticut, although confining the most of its service to a radius of twenty miles. It is the oldest and largest concern of its kind, doing a trade from the first in feed, fuels, lumber, building supplies, and the like, changing with the times and meeting competition of any sort. It was founded in 1878 by G. T. Willson and Lewis F. Eaton, the Eaton interest being dominating until the passing of Mr. Eaton in 1930. As indicated, the co-partnership engaged in a general local service, and it survived the hard years and grew strong in good years, and there were many cycles of booms and panics during the sixty-five years of its history. Its relatively few presidents, after the incorporation of the company in 1903, named in order were first, C. B. Morgan; second, George Stephenson; third and since 1930, Edward Bryan. One mark of its importance is the possession of a private railroad siding that accommodates ten freight cars, and the trackage is none too ample.

Despite her devotion to business Cecelia Williams makes time to engage in several types of local activities. She long has been active in the American Legion Auxiliary, and is chairman of the Amenia Red Cross Society. Her religious affiliations are with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Millerton.

In 1914 she married Arthur C. Williams, of Walton, New York, son of Charles and Isabelle Williams.

GEORGE D. BARRY—George D. Barry, a native of Amenia, Dutchess County, was born April 21, 1899, the son of David P. and Margaret T. Barry. He was educated in the Amenia schools and the School of Business and Finance of Columbia University. He was employed by the New York Central Railroad Company and by the Knott Corporation of New York City before becoming associated with Willson & Eaton Company, Amenia, in 1929. At that time, his brother Edward P. Barry was assistant manager and secretary of the same firm and in 1930 the latter succeeded to the managership upon the death of Mr. Eaton. Mr. Barry's father, David P., had previously completed a long period of service with the company having held these same offices and was also one of the three original directors of the company.

Upon the death of his brother, Edward, in 1934, George D. was elected assistant manager and secretary of the corporation.

During World War I, he enlisted in the United States Marines but was not called to active service because the war ended shortly thereafter. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Amenia, and belongs to several of the community organizations.

C. EVERETT TERWILLIGER—Associated with banking endeavors through practically the whole of his business career, C. Everett Terwilliger is president of Wallkill National Bank, of Wallkill, New York, at the time of writing. Through this institution and out of his vast experience in financial affairs, he has been able to give sound and valuable advice to business men and others and has thus done much to further the establishment and maintenance of worth-while business enterprises in the Wallkill area of New York State.

Mr. Terwilliger was born June 13, 1898, in Ulster County, New York, son of Fred S. and Gertrude (Cameron) Terwilliger, of this county. His father was for years engaged in farming operations.

C. Everett Terwilliger attended public schools in Ulster County and before graduating from Wallkill High School in 1916, entered the employ of the Wallkill National Bank, in October, 1915. In 1939 he attended the Graduate School of Banking (sponsored by the American Bankers Association), at Rutgers University and received a diploma from the school of banking in 1941. Serving as teller, then as cashier, he was made president of this banking institution in 1932, succeeding Frederick N. Boyd. He has held this same post down to the time of writing, and is widely known in banking circles generally and in the Wallkill community. The Wallkill National Bank was founded in 1912 by a group of business men, with Byron S. Galloway as the first president. Mr. Galloway was succeeded in the presidency by Francis S. Garrison, William E. Bruyn, Frederick N. Boyd and Mr. Terwilliger. The cashiers have been James C. Radiker, Frederick N. Boyd, Mr. Terwilliger and Claude L. Decker (*q. v.*), who is cashier at the time of writing. The bank, which plays so important a rôle in Wallkill life, was originally capitalized at \$25,000. This figure has since grown to \$65,000, while the surplus and undivided profits total \$200,000. Total assets are \$2,500,000.

In addition to heading what is recognized as one of the strongest banks in this region of New York State, Mr. Terwilliger is past president of the Orange County Bankers Association; vice-chairman Group VI of the New York State Bankers Association and member of the committee on agriculture of this association; and key banker for agriculture for Orange County. He is also active along many other lines of community work.

He is president of the board of education. During the World War period of 1917 and 1918 he served on many boards and committees. Mr. Terwilliger is a member also of the Men's Club, of Wallkill, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He is a past chancellor of his Pythian lodge. In the Reformed Church of Wallkill he was formerly a member of the consistory, as well as deacon, elder and treasurer of the congregation.

C. Everett Terwilliger married, in 1919, Lucy E. Raymond, of Ulster County, New York. They became the parents of one daughter, Jeannette S. Terwilliger, who was graduated from high school and from the Southern Seminary, at Buena Vista, Virginia.

CLAUDE L. DECKER—As cashier of the Wallkill National Bank, Claude L. Decker has played an important rôle in the life of this community.

Mr. Decker was born April 15, 1902, in Ulster County, New York, son of Robert L. and Marvena (Decker) Decker. His father was for many years engaged in farming operations until his retirement. He also was born in Ulster County.

Claude L. Decker attended public schools in his native county, and early became associated with the Wallkill National Bank. Since coming to this institution in 1920, he has served in different capacities, succeeding C. Everett Terwilliger as cashier when Mr. Terwilliger became president in 1932. As cashier, Mr. Decker has had a great deal to do with promoting the success of the bank in recent years. The Wallkill National Bank dates back to 1912, when it was founded by a group of business men of this region of New York State. Byron S. Galloway was the first president. He was succeeded by Francis S. Garrison, who was in turn succeeded by William E. Bruyn, Frederick N. Boyd and C. Everett Terwilliger (*q. v.*). The first cashier, James C. Radiker, was succeeded in that post by Frederick N. Boyd, who so served before he became president. Then Mr. Terwilliger served as cashier and went from this office to the presidency of the bank in 1932, when Mr. Decker was made cashier. The bank has a capitalization of \$65,000, which represents a growth from the original capital stock of \$25,000. Surplus and undivided profits are now \$200,000, and total assets are \$2,500,000.

In addition to his activity as cashier of the Wallkill National Bank, Mr. Decker is a member of the Men's Club. Fraternally he is associated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias. In the Pythian order he is a past chancellor of his lodge, deputy grand chancellor of the 16th District, and keeper of the record and seal. He has for years been an elder in the Reformed Church, and is now a deacon.

In 1920 Claude L. Decker married Helen P. Lippincott, of Ulster County, New York.

ALLEN D. McCORNAC—Allen D. McCornac is the sole proprietor of a business that is older than himself. At about the turn of the century, his father, J. Wesley McCornac became an undertaker in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, enlarging this business to great dimensions down the years to his death, January 14, 1940. After completing his education, the son whose name heads this record, became associated with the older man, and together they developed one of the finest funeral homes in the Dutchess County metropolis, and render special services to people over a wide area.

Allen D. McCornac was born in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, August 2, 1904, son of J. Wesley McCornac (*q. v.*) and Mrs. Melvina G. (Dow) McCornac, his mother being a resident of this city. After attending grade schools and graduating from Poughkeepsie High School in 1924, he rounded out his education in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and then, as indicated, became associated with his father as a funeral director. In the study of his profession, he is a graduate from the Renouard School of Embalming in New York City, class of June, 1929.

Allen D. McCornac is exemplary in his civic interests and activities, being past president of the Exchange Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge and Grotto of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand, and past district deputy grand master of this order in Dutchess County. Professional, or business memberships include those in the National Funeral Directors Association, the New York State Funeral Directors Association, and the Second District Funeral Directors Association of Dutchess County, and he is the present (1944) president of the latter association.

J. WESLEY McCORNAC—Over a period of forty years the late J. Wesley McCornac was a funeral director in Poughkeepsie, and for the most of this time leader in his field of endeavor. Equally prominent were his civic, fraternal and church activities. A progressive resident, he was generous of his time and means, and worked always for the promotion of the best interests of the community.

Mr. McCornac was a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, born December 17, 1876, son of J. Wesley McCornac and the former Annie E. McAllister, and acquired his formal education in local schools. He was variously employed prior to 1900, when he went with the late Frank B. Van Dyne in an undertaking establishment. This association was continued until the death of the proprietor in March, 1905. Mr. McCornac then opened his own establishment at No. 404 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, on April 1 of that same year. On May 1, 1907, he removed his headquarters to its present location at No. 20 Smith Street. About a quarter of a century later he was joined by his son, Allen D. McCornac (*q. v.*).



Allen D. McCormac



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For his active citizenship and membership in a wide variety of local organizations, J. Wesley McCornac became exceptionally well known and highly esteemed. He served on the Poughkeepsie Board of Aldermen as Republican party representative from the Fifth Ward, from January 1, 1917, to December 1, 1930, when he resigned to assume the office of coroner, to which he had been elected in November. He was appointed to the Civil Service Commission on June 1, 1932, by former Mayor Caven, and was elected president of the commission shortly after, a post he filled capably to the time of his demise. He had been reappointed as commissioner for a term of six years, by former Mayor Spratt, but did not live to complete his term.

A popular figure in the Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 21, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he was a past grand of the order and was president of the board of trustees of the order, having been a member of the board for more than twenty-two years. He was also past chief patriarch of Siloam Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of Sais Sanctorium, A. M. O. S. He also was fraternally affiliated with the Poughkeepsie Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Hamilton Sleight Camp; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Chapel Corner Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. McCornac enjoyed a life membership in the O. H. Booth Hose Company, and an honorary life membership in the Niagara Engine Company, and was a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association. Along professional lines, Mr. McCornac was prominent in the Second District Funeral Directors Association, and was a member of the American Funeral Directors Association and the New York State Funeral Directors Association. Over many years he was a member of, and served on, the board of trustees of the Washington Street Church. He was especially interested in the Men's Club of the church, which he served as president to the time of his passing.

On April 3, 1903, J. Wesley McCornac married Melvina G. Dow, a resident of Poughkeepsie.

In the passing of Mr. McCornac on January 14, 1940, his community and county lost one of their most respected citizens. His had been a long and honorable life, one that had contributed importantly to the progress and welfare of a noteworthy American town. People in all walks of life were familiar with his patriotic spirit and civic-mindedness, and likewise esteemed him as a wise counselor, a strong guide and ever helpful friend. He leaves a memory that long will be cherished.

LORENZO M. ARMSTRONG—Following a period of years spent in textile manufacturing in Connecticut, Lorenzo M. Armstrong, of Rhinebeck, came to this section of the State and thereafter was associated with banking institutions here. After having acquired

experience in this field at a bank in Red Hook, Mr. Armstrong in 1930 moved to Rhinebeck, where he was a resident, and identified with the First National Bank of Rhinebeck, until his death, October 17, 1943. Interested in the civic affairs of the town, Mr. Armstrong was a member of several organizations devoted to local progress. He was also affiliated with business, social, and fraternal groups throughout the district.

Mr. Armstrong was born on July 17, 1886, at New Haven, Connecticut, son of Lorenzo M. and Alice (Bell) Armstrong, natives of New Haven, and Norwalk, Connecticut, respectively. His father, who was a sugar merchant engaged in business at New Haven, died in 1886. The mother died in 1924.

Lorenzo M. received his early education in the public schools. He then became a student at the Riverview Military Academy, in Poughkeepsie, and after graduation therefrom attended Amherst College. His first employment was in Connecticut, where he engaged in the manufacturing of textile goods before turning his attention to the financial field.

The First National Bank of Rhinebeck, of which Mr. Armstrong was cashier, is one of the oldest banks in the district, having paid consecutive dividends for more than seventy years. The institution was first organized in 1853, as a State Bank, with Henry Delameter as president. Throughout the existence of the bank, six men have held the office of president. The present head is William H. Judson, whom Mr. Armstrong succeeded as cashier when Mr. Judson became president in 1930. The father of William H. Judson was also president of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck.

During the World War, Mr. Armstrong served in the United States Army, holding the rank of first lieutenant. His social and fraternal affiliations included membership in the National Grange, the local post of the American Legion, and the Civic Club of Rhinebeck. He had been a prominent figure in Rhinebeck, taking an active part in the affairs of the town.

Lorenzo M. Armstrong married October 9, 1915, E. Marjorie Hoffman, a native of New York State and a graduate of Vassar College. Mr. Armstrong was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, in which he was a trustee, and with Mrs. Armstrong he was a participant in civic and social enterprises. They became the parents of three children: 1. Lorenzo M., a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, who married Dorothy O'Bryon; he is now lieutenant (j. g.), United States Naval Reserves. 2. Margery M., a graduate of Connecticut College for Women, at New London, Connecticut, who married Edward M. McNally, now lieutenant (j. g.) United States Naval Reserves; they have one son, Edward Armstrong McNally. 3. John Beekman, studied at Trinity College and is now serving in the United States Army.

WILLIAM F. J. POLLARD—Engaged in merchandising throughout his adult career, William F. J. Pollard has previously held executive position in one of the large department stores at Poughkeepsie, and is now in full charge of the William Carroll & Son furniture store, which is the oldest mercantile concern in northern Dutchess County. Manager of the Rhinebeck furniture store since 1936, Mr. Pollard has continued in residence at Poughkeepsie, where he is associated in many community activities. Well known throughout his home district, he is a member of leading fraternal and social organizations there.

Mr. Pollard was born at Bristol, England, on July 12, 1891, son of the Rev. Frederick and M. Louise (Hancock) Pollard, both of Bristol. His mother died in 1902, but the father is still living. William received his education both in the schools of his native England and in the public schools of the United States.

He then entered business as an employee of the Luckey-Platt Company, a large department store at Poughkeepsie. Starting as a young man, he continued to be associated with this concern for a period of twenty-eight years. During the last ten years of his association with the firm, he held the positions of manager and buyer.

In 1936, Mr. Pollard came to Rhinebeck to take charge of the William Carroll & Son furniture store. This concern had been founded by William Carroll, in 1844, conducted successively by himself and by his son, until the death of the latter in 1933. Three years later Mr. Pollard came to take over management of the firm, for the present owners, who are Grace Carroll Reber and Mrs. Alice Head of Yonkers.

During the World War, Mr. Pollard was a member of the New York State Guard, holding the rank of corporal. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His other social affiliations include the Civic Club and the Poughkeepsie division of the Lions International, of which he is a charter member. Mr. Pollard has served on the police force of the town of Poughkeepsie, and has been deputy sheriff of the county under Sheriffs Davis and C. Fred Close. He has been president of the Polygon Society of the local Young Men's Christian Association. An authority on the merchandising field, he has written several articles for trade journals on this and kindred subjects. He has made seven ocean crossings, and has become a most experienced traveler.

In 1914, William F. J. Pollard was married to Bertha K. Hotaling. They are communicants of the Methodist Church, and are associated together in the civic and social enterprises of their home community. They are the parents of two children: 1. Evelyn M., born March 16, 1916.

She married Lester A. Kohls. 2. Dorothy L., born May 18, 1918. She was married to Charles J. Breyer, and they have a daughter, Wendy Lou.

LELAND P. PULLING—Although one of the comparative newcomers to Ellenville, Ulster County, Leland P. Pulling, is rated as one of its foremost citizens, a man whose abilities are frequently drafted for civic duties. After thorough technical preparation and experience he became a funeral director, and since 1935 has carried on his vocation in Ellenville.

He was born at Cortland, New York, December 15, 1901, son of Wilbur and Pearl C. (Rounds) Pulling, both natives of Harford, New York. Reared on his father's farm, and attending local schools, Leland P. Pulling completed his formal education in the Newark Valley High School. In line with his ambition, he entered the Syracuse (New York) School of Embalming, from which he received his diploma, and went to Waverly, New York, where he joined the establishment of Mr. Geer. In 1935, Mr. Pulling removed to Ellenville as a funeral director, and has since conducted a most modern and thoroughly equipped funeral home. He is the sole owner of his business and enjoys an enviable reputation. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of the Noon-Day Club, of the city, and is a member of the Ellenville Volunteer Fire Company, of noteworthy traditions. He serves on the board of trustees of the Ellenville Public Library; attends and is a trustee of the Methodist Church, of Ellenville, and is active in religious, charitable and civic movements and organizations.

In 1924, Leland P. Pulling married Blanche E. Stoughton, of Missouri, and they are the parents of a son, Leland S., born October 8, 1934.

ROBERT HUME DOYLE—Formerly engaged in the trucking business, Robert Hume Doyle now devotes his attention to public affairs in Kerhonkson. He is postmaster of this Ulster County community, and as such has rendered valuable service to his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Doyle was born March 11, 1915, in Ellenville, New York, son of William H. and Elsie (Hume) Doyle, both natives of New York State. His father, who died in 1930, was a pharmacist.

Robert Hume Doyle attended public schools through the high school grades, then turned his attention to business affairs. His first venture was as an employee with the Hudson Transit Corporation. In 1939 he went into the trucking business for himself in Ellenville, so continuing until November, 1942, when he was appointed Kerhonkson's postmaster, succeeding Mrs. Rae M. Schoonmaker in this position. Mr. Doyle has handled effectively and well the affairs of this office, and has in-



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terested himself extensively in Kerhonkson affairs. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church. While taking a deep interest in Ulster County and Kerhonkson affairs, he has never sought office for himself.

In 1939 Robert Hume Doyle married Lucille Decker, of Kerhonkson, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Dianne H., born June 4, 1941. 2. Marilyn D., born August 11, 1942.

ROBERT A. SNYDER—As county clerk of Ulster County, Robert A. Snyder performs a work of value and importance in this New York State community. He has for years carried on also a successful general insurance business, and is known widely throughout this region of the State.

Mr. Snyder was born February 12, 1904, at Saugerties, Ulster County, New York, son of John A. and Sarah A. (Adams) Snyder. His parents were both born in Ulster County, and the father, who died in 1933, was engaged in banking. The mother still makes her home in this county.

Public schools of Saugerties provided Robert A. Snyder's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1925 from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Turning to insurance, he established his own general agency, dealing in all kinds of insurance and operating under his own name. He is president of the R. A. Snyder Fire Company, and is recognized as one of his community's enterprising and public-spirited young men, enjoying the respect and confidence of a host of friends.

Elected to the county clerkship in 1940, Mr. Snyder succeeded James A. Simpson in this position, and has continued so to serve down to the time of writing. He also has other business interests, being a trustee of the Saugerties Savings Bank and secretary and a director of the F. L. Russell Corporation. He is past secretary of the Lions Club and a Past Master of his lodge in the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as a former deacon of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1935 Robert A. Snyder married Gertrude Glass, of Kingston, New York, and they became the parents of a son, John A. Snyder, who was born March 8, 1942.

VICTOR J. SHANKEY—As a funeral director, Victor J. Shankey occupies a position of high standing in the business life of Haverstraw.

He was born in New City, New York, March 6, 1892, son of the late John F. and Anastasia (Burke) Shankey. His father was born in Haverstraw, and formerly was sheriff of Rockland County and one of his community's and county's leading citizens. He, too, was engaged in the undertaking business, and was also a storekeeper and brick manufacturer. He died January 13, 1922.

Public schools of Haverstraw provided Victor J. Shankey's early formal education, and he later studied at the Fordham Preparatory School and Fordham College. In 1920 he became associated with his father in the undertaking business, in which he still continues down to the time of writing. He is also active in the civic life of Haverstraw, being a supervisor here. Formerly he was a village trustee.

Among his other activities, Mr. Shankey is a member of the board of visitors of Letchworth Village, a State institution. He enlisted in the United States Marines during the First World War and served as a corporal overseas for fourteen months. Afterward he became a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He belongs to the fire department of Haverstraw, in which he is connected with the General Warren Emergency Company No. 2. He is active also in the Knights of Columbus, and in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he is a member of Haverstraw Lodge. In spare time he enjoys deep-sea fishing and sailing as his favorite recreations. He is a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

Victor J. Shankey married, September 11, 1924, in Haverstraw, New York, Sarah A. Malley, a native of this place, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Welsh) Malley. Her father was a brick manufacturer in Haverstraw.

HOWARD C. ANDERSON—In business and public affairs Howard C. Anderson has figured prominently in Kingston and vicinity. He has for many years been active in the automobile business at Accord, and at the time of writing is sheriff of Ulster County.

Mr. Anderson was born February 12, 1910, in Ulster County, New York, son of Charles and Stella E. (Baker) Anderson, of this county. His father, who was engaged in the feed business for many years, died in 1931. The mother died in 1938.

Public schools of Ulster County provided him with his early formal education, and in 1933 he went into the automobile business on his own account. Setting up a firm under his own name, he has continued to operate it down to the time of writing. At all times he has taken the deepest interest in the life of his community. Prominent in politics, he was formerly town clerk of the town of Rochester, Ulster County, and for six consecutive years held the office of supervisor of that town.

It was in 1941 that Mr. Anderson was elected sheriff of Ulster County to succeed A. F. Molyneaux. He was the youngest sheriff in New York State at that time, records indicate, having been only thirty-one years of age when elected. He is active also in fraternal affairs, and is a Past Master of his lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1932 he married Marion B. East, of Ulster County, New York. They became the parents of three children: 1. Joan, born August 21, 1936. 2. Doris, born February 24, 1939. 3. Roger, born May 24, 1941.

WILLIAM NORMAN CONNER—As sole owner of the Conner Funeral Home, William Norman Conner plays an important rôle in the life of Kingston and this region of New York State.

He was born September 18, 1867, in Ulster County, New York, son of George and Katherine (Haskin) Conner. His father was a blacksmith in Ulster County, and both parents were natives of this county.

William N. Conner received his early formal education in public schools of Ulster County, and learned the machinist's trade. For about fifteen years he was employed in a machine shop. Then he bought, in 1900, the undertaking business of John Newkirk, who had been in business for some years and had become well established. Mr. Conner has continued along these same lines down to the time of writing, conducting the Conner Funeral Home and operating it as sole owner. He is now the county's oldest funeral director in point of both service and age. The quarters of the Conner Funeral Home are beautiful in every detail, and everything is done to provide for the maximum convenience and comfort of patrons. The firm was the first to operate its own ambulance in Ulster County, and now the work of the Conner Home covers not only Kingston and Ulster County, but extends into several adjoining counties.

For fifteen years Mr. Conner was coroner of Ulster County, and he has taken the deepest interest in its affairs. In spare time he enjoys the collection of antiques, having accumulated many fine pieces of the more costly kind. He is a liberal supporter of every worth-while movement for Kingston's betterment, although he has never sought public office for himself. Fraternally he is active in the Loyal Order of Moose, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Masonic Order he holds the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite and is a life member of both Scottish and York rite bodies, as well as an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In his religious faith he is a Protestant.

CHARLES PHINNEY—In Kingston, Ulster County, Charles Phinney has achieved the truly noteworthy record of thirty-six years connection with the police department of this city. As chief of the force he holds the respect and admiration of the citizens of the community for his long service in the administration of the law. Kingston has an unusually fine reputation as a law abiding municipality and much of the credit is given

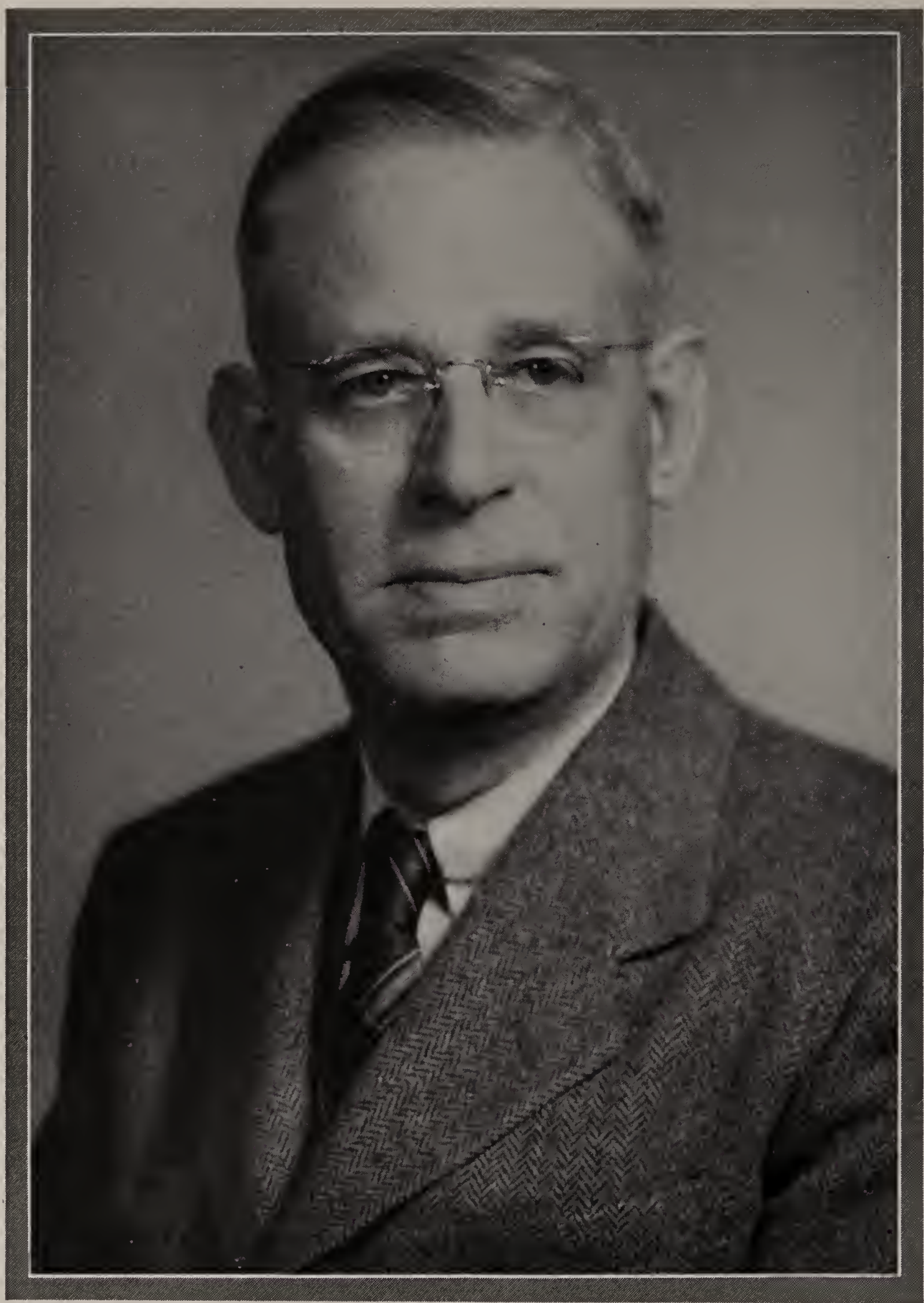
to Chief Phinney and his career that has ranged from special officer to chief.

A native of Kingston, New York, as were his parents, Chief Phinney was born December 21, 1881, son of James E. and Mary Jane (Van Valkenberg) Phinney, both of whom are now deceased. His mother died in 1919. His father who passed to his reward in 1907, was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in New York Volunteer Infantry regiments throughout the most of that conflict. As a civilian he was the owner of the Twaalfskill Mills. He encouraged his son Charles to acquire a substantial education, and the boy attended the public schools of his birthplace and Kingston Academy. He was ambitious to get out in the world to go further with his studies and was connected with marine engineering from 1898 to 1907.

In the latter year, Charles Phinney became associated with the Kingston police force as a special officer. In May, 1908, he was made ordinance officer, and a year after became a patrolman. Promotions brought him the rank of sergeant on February 16, 1917; on September 1, 1937, he became a lieutenant, a rank he created; and in December, 1939, was acting chief. Since April 1, 1940, he has been chief of police of the city of Kingston, succeeding J. Allan Wood. Since the organization of the police department, in 1892, there have been but three chiefs—Stephen Hood, J. Allan Wood and Charles Phinney. Not one of this notable group has been more devoted to the responsibilities and work of his post, or held in higher esteem by the people of the city. Chief Phinney is a member of County, State and National Police associations, but never has found the time to become affiliated with social or fraternal organizations. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church, Kingston.

On November 26, 1905, Charles Phinney married Anne E. Henion, of Kingston, New York, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Eleanor, who married Winfield Van Bremen. Mr. and Mrs. Van Bremen are the parents of a son, Glen Charles Van Bremen.

JAMES S. FULLER—Slightly more than a half century ago, Isaiah Fuller came to Kingston and founded the first shirt manufacturing business in Ulster County. It began as a small enterprise in a small building on Broadway in the city. He met with success and by 1904 was compelled to have a building erected on Pine Grove Avenue to serve adequately his rapidly expanding clientele. Later another floor was added to the plant, making some forty thousand square feet of floor space available to the industry. During nearly all of the period from 1892 to 1918, the son of the founder was actively associated with the older man, and the major factor in the development of the concern.



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This son, James S. Fuller, was born in Saratoga, New York, November 8, 1875, son of Isaiah Fuller. After completing his education he joined his father in business. He was only seventeen years of age when the older man began making shirts in Kingston. He was, however, the right-hand man when the company began its most rapid growth, and to the world at large the business was known as James S. Fuller, Inc. This trade title was adopted about a year after the death of James S. Fuller, in 1918, at which time his sister became head of the enterprise. James S. Fuller, Inc., employed about five hundred people and until the present global war, distributed its products to several countries of the world, although the United States has always been the principal market. The sister, Annie K. Fuller, was president of the corporation after the death of her brother. Clarence S. Rowland (*q. v.*) was executive vice-president and general manager; Mrs. Margaret Fuller was secretary, and William Fuller was treasurer.

On May 30, 1944, the firm of James S. Fuller, Inc., was dissolved and was succeeded by The Fuller Shirt Company, a co-partnership consisting of Clarence S. Rowland, William T. Fuller, Annie K. Fuller, Margaret T. Fuller and Mabel E. Rowland.

James S. Fuller married Alice Traver, and they were the parents of William T., who married Margaret Teller. Their children are Mary Ellen and James R.

JOSEPH H. HAIT—A direct descendant of the DuBois and Hasbrouck families, who were among the original twelve patentees of large areas of Ulster County, Joseph H. Hait is better known as a business man and civic leader of Middletown in Orange County. He was born in Ulster County, New York, September 29, 1884, son of James L. and Josephine (Hasbrouck) Hait, his father an Ulster County merchant of long and honorable standing.

Joseph H. Hait obtained his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Middletown, and his entire career has been identified with this city. For eight years he was employed by Hanford & Adams. In 1908 he became associated with the furniture business, and in 1928 established his own concern by the purchase of the furniture store of Walter J. Startup, Inc., one of the oldest retail furniture firms in Middletown. Operating under the trade title of J. H. Hait, Inc., he has since built up a fine clientele, always keeping abreast of the times, and earning a reputation for quality that is seldom equalled and is unsurpassed in Orange County.

Mr. Hait is a Republican in his politics, and since 1942 has been serving on the city planning commission of the city of Middletown. He is now chairman of the board and serving his second appointment, the present term ending in 1947. He is a member of the Monhagen Hose Company and the Middletown Club. His religious affiliations have been with the Congregational Church,

of which for the past fifteen years he has served as a trustee. Mr. Hait's business absorbs most of his time, but in leisure periods he enjoys gardening and reading.

On February 2, 1910, at Middletown, Joseph H. Hait married Nellie Arnoys, daughter of David D. and Mirah (Humiston) Arnoys. Mr. and Mrs. Hait have one daughter, Doris A., born April 9, 1916, a graduate of Middletown High School and Beaver College, now a teacher in the Middletown public schools.

CLARENCE S. ROWLAND—Although Clarence S. Rowland is a member of families long resident in Southeastern New York, he is probably descended from the Rowlands of Massachusetts and Connecticut, whose members have been prominent in New England annals since the seventeenth century. Ancestry had little to do with his hard-won achievements for he is a self-made man, the master of his own endeavors. For two decades and more he has been the executive vice-president and general manager of one of the Kingston, New York, outstanding industrial firms, James S. Fuller, Inc. Down through the years he has devoted much time and energy, without ostentation, to local affairs and has promoted effectively civic, social and humanitarian projects in the community.

A native of Kingston, as were his parents, Mr. Rowland was born October 27, 1892, son of John F. and Edith (Campbell) Rowland. His father, who died in 1935, was long engaged in the mercantile trade. The son of this account attended the grade and high schools of his birthplace, and Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. For about four years he was in the employ of the Armour Company, and, as indicated, has been vice-president and general manager of James S. Fuller, Inc. This very large concern has specialized in the making of shirts for more than half a century, and sends its products all over the United States. It was founded in 1892 by Isaiah Fuller; carried forward by his son, James S. Fuller, to the time of his death in 1918, and has since been headed by a sister of James S. Fuller, Annie K. Fuller. Accounts of the lives of these can be found in this volume. A large plant on Pine Grove Avenue, Kingston, providing some forty thousand square feet of floor space, houses the industry which employs above five hundred people.

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In the management of this outstanding industrial company of Kingston, Mr. Rowland has been eminently efficient. He is widely known as an able and progressive executive, whose heavy responsibilities have been borne successfully through one of the worst financial

depressions in the history of our country. He was vice-president and treasurer of James S. Fuller, Inc., up until the time of its dissolution when he became a partner in The Fuller Shirt Company, which succeeded it. He is a director of the Kingston Savings & Loan Association; a director and assistant treasurer of Skyline Manufacturing Company, Inc., and president of Pine Grove Company, Inc., both garment manufacturers. For a decade he was police commissioner of Kingston; is a former president of the Kiwanis Club of the city; and president of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, No. 343, of which he is a Past Master, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He attends the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and is a generous supporter of religious and charitable works.

In 1917, Clarence S. Rowland married Elizabeth Raichle, of Kingston, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Clarence S., Jr., a graduate of Gettysburg College, who married Merle Hart, of Tampa, Florida; now serving with the rank of captain, United States Army Air Corps. 2. Elizabeth M., a graduate of Potsdam Normal College; she married Howard Dexter. 3. John E., who attended Gettysburg College prior to his enlistment in the Engineering Corps, United States Army, for the duration of the present global war. 4. Harry, a student at Gettysburg College. 5. Edith. 6. Grant. 7. Alex.

HENRY J. WIEBER—In the community and business progress of Kingston, Ulster County, Henry J. Wieber has been actively interested since young manhood. In this he has followed the example of his father, a former mayor of the city, and a prominent citizen. He is a native of Kingston, born January 28, 1893, son of Henry E. and Louisa (Moller) Wieber, his father dying in 1906.

Henry J. Wieber prepared for his life's work in the schools of his birthplace and a business college, and was influenced in his choice of a career, no doubt, by the fact that his deceased father had been connected with metal working. At any rate his first important employment was with a plumbing firm, and throughout practically all his life he has been identified with plumbing, heating and contracting.

A brother, Frederick E. Wieber, succeeded his father in the trade the older man had established. Henry J. Wieber was a young man when he joined Frank Walter in 1916 as a partner, to establish the first Wieber & Walter. Later the company was incorporated with Mr. Walter as president, and Mr. Wieber as treasurer. Together they made this corporation outstanding in its field in Kingston, a concern that has engaged in business over a wide area, but has rendered especially fine service to local people. They have carried out many large con-

tracts, such as those in connection with the Governor Clinton Hotel Annex, the new Kerhonkson High School, the new high school at New Paltz, and many others of similar magnitude.

Mr. Wieber is also a trustee of the Kingston Trust Company, and is a member of the board of directors of the Home Seekers Savings & Loan Association. In public life, he has served on the board of water commissioners and the plumbing board, both of the city of Kingston. He was active in the Rotary Club until the pressure of business prevented his regular attendance, and he is a member of the Wiltwyck Golf Club, and the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of the Free and Accepted Masons. His religious affiliations are with St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of which he is a member of the board of trustees.

In 1921, Henry J. Wieber married Erma J. Markle, a native of Ulster County, and they are the parents of a daughter, Janet Louise, born June 25, 1926, a student at Skidmore College.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY—The city of Kingston, Ulster County, is justly proud of its fire department of ancient history and notable achievements. By the people of the municipality much of the credit for its development and modern efficiency is given to Joseph L. Murphy, chief for the past two decades, whose service began more than forty years ago. The story of the career of Chief Murphy is so great a part of the annals of the Kingston Fire Department that a history of the latter is appended to this biography.

Chief Murphy was born in Kingston, New York, August 27, 1884, son of John and Catherine C. (Dorn) Murphy, his father a native of County Wexford, Ireland, and his mother of the United States. Their son, of this account, became a volunteer fireman in 1902, when eighteen years old. During the following forty-three years he has been a member of the city fire fighters. In the early years he was associated with the Newark Lime & Cement Company, and for about two years was with Costello & Smith, before he entered the semi-paid fire department in 1908. He had accepted appointment as deputy chief under Rodney A. Chipp, and served as such until he succeeded the older man as chief, in 1924. This has been his official position since that year, and the principal factor in the expansion and breadth of service rendered by this important feature of municipal protection and safety.

Chief Murphy is a former president of the New York State Fire Chiefs Association, and always has made the most of contacts with his colleagues in other cities, and acquaintance with the latest improvements developed in modern fire fighting. He likewise is a member of the International Fire Chiefs Association, and is Ulster County fire administrator for the duration of the war,





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local property officer under the office of civilian protection, and chief gas officer of the city of Kingston. In the words of a contemporary, Chief Murphy has seen many changes in his forty-three years with the Kingston Fire Département, and has maintained one of the most effective departments in New York State. He is a noted authority on fire prevention and exceptionally patriotic and civic-minded.

In 1914, Joseph L. Murphy married Beatrice Harvey, of Ulster County, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Mary R., who married Philip Gillen, and is the mother of three children: Philip Joseph, Robert, and John M. 2. Elizabeth A.

THE KINGSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT—was organized November 27, 1754, when a fire engine was ordered from England at a cost not to exceed £80. It was not until the spring of 1757 that the crude device was received and in May of that year the trustees entered into an agreement with William Eltinger to take care of the fire engine until March of the following year for the sum of twenty shillings. The engine did efficient work until October 16, 1777, when the British soldiers applied the torch to the village. In 1797 the State Legislature authorized the freeholders of the community of the town of Kingston to organize a fire department and, on May 19, 1797, E. Elmendorf was appointed chief or captain. In 1802 he was succeeded by Nicholas Vanderlyn, Jr. In 1805 the village of Kingston was incorporated, and the fire engine was turned over to the municipal authorities. The village fire department was organized October 19, 1805, with Nicholas Vanderlyn, Jr., as captain. The company numbered thirteen men. Five years later the department was reorganized. In 1816 it was voted to expend \$400 for the purchase of a new engine. These were the days of the old leather buckets of which every householder was required to keep a certain number. Each bucket had the initials of the owner on it.

It was not until 1848 that the modern fire department as now known came into existence with the organization of the Protector Engine Company, which was equipped with a hand fire engine that was housed in an old barn on Mill Street. Several years later the Lackawanna Engine Company was formed. In 1878 the two villages of Rondout and Kingston were incorporated under the name of Kingston. The city hall on Broadway marks the division line between the two villages. In 1878 likewise, Cornelius Burhans was chief of the western department, and Augustus Hasbrouck of the eastern department. In 1878-79 Richard Mooney was chief, succeeded in 1880 by George Weber, who served to 1882. In 1883, Mr. Mooney was again appointed chief and served to 1886. He was succeeded in 1890 by John P. Derrenbacher. Between 1890 and 1896 those who served as chief were: Richard Mooney, Theron Johnston, James S. Winne and William H. Kolts. In 1896 the charter was amended so that

the chief was appointed by the mayor. Those who served under this type of appointment were: William H. Kolts, Michael J. Rafferty, Charles L. Quackenbush and Rodney A. Chipp. It was under the administration of Mayor Walter P. Crane that the partially paid fire department came into operation (1907), and Rodney A. Chipp was the first fire chief of the paid department. Joseph L. Murphy, the present chief, was his deputy. Chief Chipp served until November 1, 1924, since which time Joseph L. Murphy has been chief. The first motor truck was added to the department in 1915 and soon later the equipment was completely motorized.

SAMUEL W. EAGER—Engaged in a general practice of law in Middletown, Samuel W. Eager is one of his community's professional and civic leaders, widely and favorably known in Orange County and the surrounding region of this State.

Mr. Eager was born August 19, 1900, at Neeley Town, near Montgomery, New York, son of Samuel W. and Anna May (Egbertson) Eager. He is a descendant of the same family as was Samuel W. Eager, the historian who wrote the first authentic history of Orange County. Samuel W. Eager, the father of the man whose name heads this review, lived for many years in Neeley Town, where he died in 1926. The mother was a daughter of a Civil War captain. The elder Samuel W. Eager was a farmer.

Samuel W. Eager, the lawyer, attended public schools in Montgomery, and after graduation from high school there he became a student at the Albany Law School, where he was graduated in 1921 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in 1922, he commenced the practice of his profession in Middletown in association with Watts, Oakes and Bright. In 1926 he entered upon his own independent practice of law, which he has continued down to the time of writing. His work is of a general character, covering all phases and branches of his profession, and he is a member of the Middletown Bar Association and the Orange County Bar Association.

His public service in Middletown and vicinity has been varied. He has served as corporation counsel of Middletown at different periods, first of all in 1930, and, since then, with the exception of about five years, down to 1943. He was for some time acting city judge, and from 1931 to 1933 served as assistant district attorney of Orange County. He has done considerable writing, having produced about fifteen volumes that have been published and widely circulated in professional circles. These pertain mainly to different phases of the law in which he has been particularly interested or has had extensive experience, and many of these works are universally used as authoritative in New York State. Mr. Eager also is a member of the Middletown Club, several fishing and hunting clubs, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the American Legion. Formerly he belonged to other

fraternal orders. He enlisted for service in the First World War, but served only two months before hostilities were ended.

On June 22, 1927, Samuel W. Eager married Muriel Whigam, daughter of C. Edgar Whigam and Hattie Gannon Whigam, of Montgomery, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Eager became the parents of four children: 1. Samuel W., 4th, born June 2, 1928. 2. Joan, born in January, 1930. 3. Adrienne, born in January, 1933. 4. Gerald, born in September, 1935.

JOSEPH L. KEENAN—Without ever entering politics or seeking public office, Joseph L. Keenan is one of the influential citizens of Saugerties, New York, who has contributed importantly to its better development. He joined his father in one of the oldest undertaking firms operating under the same name in Ulster County, and continued after the passing of the older man to make it one of the best equipped funeral homes, able to render any service demanded of it.

Mr. Keenan was born at Saugerties, February 8, 1890, son of Joseph and Ella (Hoben) Keenan, both natives of Ulster County. He lost his father in 1923, but before the passing of the older man, he had acquired a sound education in local schools and had been assistant in the business for a number of years. As was usual at the time of the founding of the Keenan undertaking establishment, a furniture store was operated in connection with the funeral directing. Joseph L. Keenan was thoroughly well experienced and had acquired the necessary knowledge that enabled him to carry on the business started by his father. The years have added to his reputation and the esteem in which he is universally held. Although, as indicated, it is one of the oldest undertaking firms in Ulster County, Keenan's is one of the foremost in keeping abreast of the times and is credited with being the first to install motorized equipment and other features of a modern funeral home.

Mr. Keenan is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Saugerties, and serves on the executive board of the First National Bank. He was formerly a village trustee of the municipality. One of the organizers of the Lions Club, in Saugerties, he is its president. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, and he is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In 1916, Joseph L. Keenan married Hazel Fisk, of Fleischmanns, New York, and they are the parents of a son, Dr. Vincent J. Keenan, a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, New York, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and took postgraduate work at Cornell University where he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree.

He is in the employ of the United States Rubber Company in their laboratories at Passaic, New Jersey.

He married Margaret Whelan, and they are the parents of a son, Michael Keenan, born May 13, 1944.

JOHN A. MARTIN—Among the many people who have been attracted to the upper sections of the Hudson River valley from the American metropolis, is John A. Martin who, as a young man settled in Saugerties and for nearly three decades engaged in the real estate business. From the first he entered into local life and endeavored always to serve the best interests of the community. Through the years he has acquired a very large number of friends and acquaintances. His appointment as postmaster of Saugerties, in 1942, was widely approved and he has since shown himself an able administrator of the diversified duties of his position.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 20, 1888, Postmaster Martin is the son of William B. and Margaret J. (Boyle) Martin, both of that city, his father long being engaged in a wholesale plumbing business. After completing his education in Brooklyn schools he began making a livelihood. In 1913 he came to Saugerties to engage in the real estate business, and liked the place, its people and opportunities so well that he remained to become one of its outstanding citizens. Thirty years ago he formed a partnership with William Becker in the firm long known as Becker & Martin. After the death of the older man, Mr. Martin carried on the business under his own name, and as one of the leading firms in the town handled some of its largest estates on both sides of the Hudson River of which there are a number in Ulster, Dutchess and other counties.

In July, 1942, under appointment of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mr. Martin became postmaster of Saugerties, and to his office he has since devoted his entire attention. It is universally agreed that he is the right man in the right place. He had been town tax collector for several years prior to his appointment, and always active in civic affairs. During World War I, he was a member of the local draft board, and he is prominent in various civilian movements of the present global conflict. Fraternally, Postmaster Martin is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a member of the New York State Postmasters Association, and of local organizations. He attends St. Mary's Catholic Church.

John A. Martin married (first) Agnes S. Meehan, who is deceased, and they were the parents of five children: William, John, Dorothy, Harry and Mona Martin. Mr. Martin married (second) Violet Cook, and they have two daughters: Patricia and Frances Martin.

GRANT MACKEY BRINNIER—The name Brinnier is favorably known in Ulster County in the field of the law. William D. Brinnier, the father, was an attorney and prominent public figure in this part of Southeastern New York. Grant M. Brinnier followed in the profession of the elder man and added new lustre to family tra-

dition and exemplary citizenship, prior to his untimely death in the prime of life.

A native of Ulster County, Mr. Brinnier was born on December 30, 1891, son of William D. and Ora (Meadows) Brinnier. After completing his academic education, he entered the Albany Law School, New York, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Admitted to the bar in 1918, almost immediately he enlisted in the United States Army for World War I service, and was assigned to the 19th Regiment of the Engineering Corps, and experienced two years of war, practically all of it with the American Expeditionary Forces. He was a sergeant at the time he received his honorable discharge from the army, and when he resumed his civilian activities it was as a lawyer in Saugerties. He was eminently successful, the principal figure in important cases, but even better esteemed for the wisdom of his advice which kept many legal controversies from reaching the courts.

In municipal affairs Mr. Brinnier was a member of the board of directors and the attorney for The Saugerties Bank. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. His professional fraternity was Delta Chi, and he was a member of the Saugerties Bar Society, the Ulster County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He was a popular figure in the American Legion and several local clubs. He attended the Dutch Reformed Church. Many will recall his keen interest in boating, and he sailed many fast craft of his own in upper Hudson River Valley yachting events.

On May 24, 1919, Grant M. Brinnier married Cornelia S. Carnright, of Saugerties, daughter of James O. and Carrie (Teller) Carnright, her father a banker. Mr. and Mrs. Brinnier were the parents of two sons: 1. Gilbert H., born November 25, 1921; married Virginia Shaner, and is now serving in the United States Navy for World War II. 2. William D., born October 5, 1926.

The death of Grant Mackey Brinnier occurred on October 28, 1936, and was universally mourned by colleagues and a legion of friends in all walks of life. He was a master of his profession, and without any seeking of publicity was prominent in civic life. He long will hold a high place upon the honor rolls of the former leaders of Ulster County.

FREDERICK S. QUINTERRO—Surrogate Frederick S. Quinterro, of Dutchess County, is a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, born June 5, 1893, son of William S. and Clarabell (Welker) Quinterro, both of whom are now deceased. His father was associated with the insurance business during his active life, engaged as an insurance adjustor and special agent.

Frederick S. Quinterro received his preliminary education in the public schools of Poughkeepsie. The entrance of the First World War interrupted his formal

education and he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1917, serving overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces until his honorable discharge in January, 1919, with the rank of ensign. Before entering the service he had matriculated at the Albany Law School, and after his return to civilian life once more took up his studies, being graduated with the class of 1919 a Bachelor of Laws. In that same year he was admitted to the New York bar and initiated a general practice of his profession in the following year, 1920, at Poughkeepsie. He practices in all of the courts including the Federal Court. On January 1, 1943, Frederick S. Quinterro was elected as surrogate judge of Dutchess Court for a term of six years. He takes an active part in civic and fraternal affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a member of the American Legion, and for the past thirty-two years has been a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1922, Frederick S. Quinterro married Dorothy Graham, and they are the parents of two daughters: Janet G. and Nancy A. Quinterro.

JAMES W. MONKS—For a mid-Hudson River Valley city of its size, Poughkeepsie possesses a variety of business and industrial concerns and ships a number of unusual products. One of its companies, known now as the Poughkeepsie Dye Stuff Corporation, was originally the Palatine Aniline & Chemical Company. To this organization, James W. Monks came in 1925 as a technical school graduate, and has since remained identified with both the corporation and the city.

He is a native of Fall River, Massachusetts, the seat of large textile mills. He was born October 27, 1903, and received his formal education in this city, completing his professional training in Columbia University. As above indicated he since has been connected with the manufacture of dyes and other products, first with the Palatine Aniline & Chemical Company, as manager, and is now manager and secretary of the Poughkeepsie Dye Stuff Corporation. Mr. Monks also is consultant of the Standard Ideal Linen Mesh Company, and associate chemist of the Standard Gage Company, of Poughkeepsie. His professional memberships include those in the American Chemical Society, the American Association of Textile Chemists and the American Institute of Chemists. He remains a student of his work, keenly interested in the latest developments in his field, and does a great deal of independent research. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Dramatic Club of Poughkeepsie, the Music Society of this city, and the Holy Name Society. He worships in Holy Trinity Church.

On July 7, 1926, at Poughkeepsie, New York, James W. Monks married Jane V. McManus, daughter of Joseph and Ellen (Mason) McManus. Mr. and Mrs. Monks are the parents of four children: James W., Jr., Joseph, Eleanor, and Jane Monks.

CHARLES SWETZ—In the passing of Charles Swetz, West Haverstraw lost one of its finest examples of American citizen, a successful merchant of long and honored record, and a man sincerely devoted to the best interests of the community. He was born in Bohemia about 1886, came to the New World at an early age and grew up thoroughly well founded in the ideas and customs which are typical of the United States.

His first acquaintance with the Haverstraw section of Rockland County was as a worker in one of its brick-yards. His gifts and desires were those of the merchant however, and he established a butcher and grocery shop on Railroad Avenue, West Haverstraw, that was popular throughout the long years he was its proprietor. He also was a director of the National Bank of Haverstraw & Trust Company, and it was said of him by a fellow director, "His wise counsel helped materially in the growth and progress of the bank in recent years."

Despite the demands made upon his time by business, Charles Swetz was active in civic and community affairs, and a member of several organizations, notably the Volunteer Hose Company, No. 2, of West Haverstraw and fraternally was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was likewise a trustee. He also served as trustee of West Haverstraw School. Wife, family and his home, were his outstanding interests.

Charles Swetz died suddenly from over-exertion on October 17, 1943. It was related in the press that "hundreds of friends called to pay their respects to the West Haverstraw merchant. . . . The people who called to express their sympathy to his bereaved wife and daughters were from all sections of the community and all walks of life. Some were old and valued customers; many had never been in his establishment. All respected him as a great American citizen." Perhaps no better eulogy could be pronounced than this simple tribute. He left the world very much the better for the life he had lived and the example he set.

Mr. Swetz is survived by his widow, Mrs. Albina Swetz; two daughters: 1. Mrs. Romaine Popet of Garnerville. Mr. and Mrs. Popet have one child, Carrol Frances, born August 28, 1939. 2. Mrs. Harris Huott of West Haverstraw. A son, Charles Swetz, after several enlistments in the United States Navy, lost his life November 29, 1939, in San Francisco, while in the service.

J. ADDISON RONK—For many years J. Addison Ronk has made a substantial contribution to the business life of Wallkill and this region of the State.

Mr. Ronk was born June 27, 1907, in Wallkill, New York, son of Charles L. and Stella (Upright) Ronk, both old residents of Ulster County. His father, who was a funeral director and a garage operator, was also a director of the Wallkill National Bank. He was for

many years a manufacturer of wagons in addition to his other activities. He died in 1940, the mother in 1937.

J. Addison Ronk attended public schools through the high school grades, then became associated with his father in business. The present undertaking enterprise that he heads in Wallkill was operated by his father, Charles L. Ronk, who, as indicated above, died in 1940, having been head of the firm until that time. Still earlier the proprietor was Joseph E. Evans. J. Addison Ronk was associated with his father for five years before the elder man's death, then took over full conduct of the business under his own name. His record in business achievement has been a creditable one, and he is a member of the Orange, Rockland and Ulster County Funeral Directors' Association, as well as of the New York State Funeral Directors' Association.

Also Mr. Ronk is associated with Alice L. Overhiser, of Montgomery, in Orange County, New York. He has a certificate from the Renouard Embalming College. He is active in his community's civic life, being a member of the Walden Rotary Club, the Men's Club of Wallkill and the Free and Accepted Masons.

FRANK JACOBY—The present activity of one of the most prominent citizens of Dutchess County, Frank Jacoby, is that of serving as magistrate for the town of Red Hook. While holding this position, Mr. Jacoby has been elected as president of the Dutchess County Holders of Town and City Offices. A native of Red Hook, Mr. Jacoby has throughout his lifetime here been well known in the village and the surrounding district. This is true not only because of his present public service, but also because of his former participation in the business life of the region. He was a large grower and shipper of violets, to the extent that he shipped a total of more than twenty-two million of them during his years in the business.

In 1927, Mr. Jacoby sold out and retired, but has since been occupied in executing the duties comprised in the magistracy, to which he was appointed in the same year. A man thoroughly identified with the affairs of his home community, he is representative among that group of citizens which has been most directly responsible for progress and improvements here.

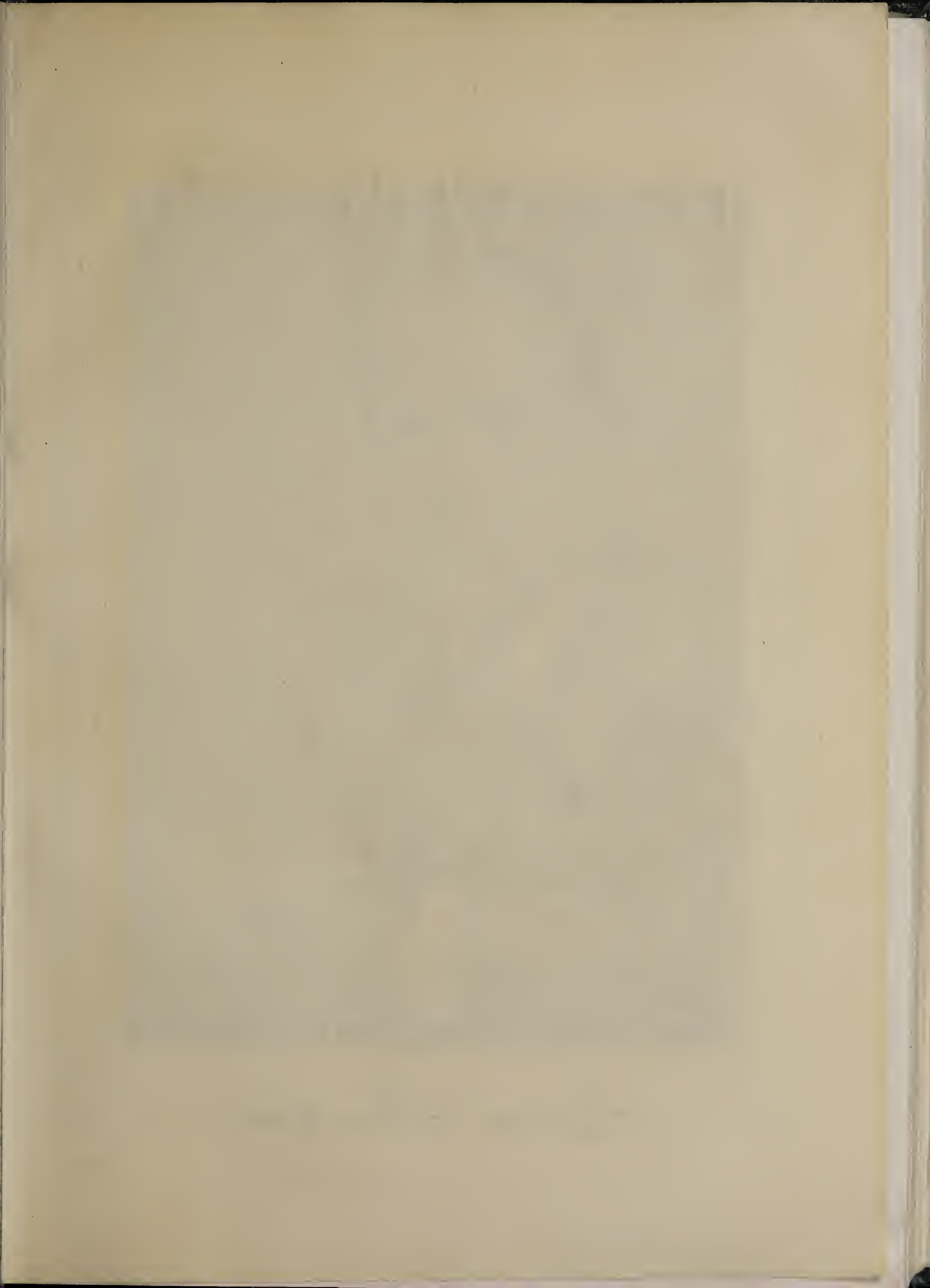
Mr. Jacoby was born at Red Hook, on November 9, 1880, son of William and Louise (Iekel) Jacoby, both of whom were natives of Germany. His father, who was a farmer by trade, was the first of the paternal line of the family to come to the United States. Frank grew up at Rhinebeck, and as a boy attended the public schools of the district, obtaining there the customary preparatory education. He then became a student at Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, continuing there for a period of two years.



Charles Givetz



James D. Smith





Frederic H. Bontecou

His business career began when he was about twenty years old, as an employee of an unincorporated group engaged in the growing and shipping of violets. In 1907, Mr. Jacoby entered into that business independently, and continued to be occupied in it for a score of years. He retired in 1927, sold out the business, and has since that time been mainly concerned as magistrate of Red Hook. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Jacoby also conducted a large fruit and dairy farm. He is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank, of Rhinebeck, and a trustee of the Rhinebeck Savings Bank. During the Spanish-American War, in 1898, Mr. Jacoby enlisted in the United States Army. During the First World War, he was one of the local men on the Liberty Loan committees.

His social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Red Hook. He is a charter member of the Rock City Grange, and is president of the Red Hook Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby are communicants of the Rock City Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Jacoby has served as an elder, and are active together in the civic and social activities of the Rhinebeck community.

In 1900, Frank Jacoby was married to Lena Battenfeld, of Milan, and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen L., who was a graduate of Drew Seminary, and of the training course at Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, as a graduate nurse. She married Samuel A. Moore, and they were the parents of two children: Samuel A., II, and Mary Lou. Helen L. (Jacoby) Moore, died February 28, 1942.

HUBERT D. GAGE—The owner of a fruit, vegetable and dairy farm in the Red Hook district, Hubert D. Gage is also the proprietor of a business dealing in farm machinery which supplies his neighboring farmers throughout this section. He has a large machine shop which he conducts for the repair of all farm machinery, as well as for general machine work. Mr. Gage has been interested in farming throughout his lifetime, and was previously engaged in agrarian activity in other sections of the State. Since coming to Red Hook, he has become well known throughout this section, particularly to his fellow farmers, with whom he maintains steady contact.

Mr. Gage was born on October 24, 1881, at New Berlin, Chenango County, son of Lewis and Nellie M. (Davis) Gage, both of New Berlin. His father was engaged in farming in Chenango County. Hubert grew up there, and attended the public schools of the district, receiving in them the customary general education. He continued to work on farms in Chenango County until he was about thirty years old. Then he entered employment with Governor John A. Dix, accepting a place on his Schuylerville estates, and continuing there until 1914.

In that year, Mr. Gage came to Dutchess County, choosing to settle in the Red Hook area. Here he bought a one hundred and twenty-acre farm, on which he grows fruit, vegetables, and maintains a dairy. He has established here a business dealing in farm machinery, which serves the district, and he also conducts a repair shop for farm machinery and general machine work. The machine shop is large and modern, adequately equipped for the reconditioning of farm implements. Mr. Gage is considered to be a substantial and respected member of the farm community. Mr. and Mrs. Gage are communicants of the Baptist Church at Rhinebeck, and have been associated together in the social and civic enterprises of the town and district.

In 1912, Hubert D. Gage was married to Nina M. Bailey, of Otsego County, daughter of C. E. and Sarah Jane (Warner) Bailey. Her father, who was a native of Delaware County, is a railroad man by profession. Mr. and Mrs. Gage are the parents of one son, Davis E., born August 12, 1915, who is a graduate of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, and of the New York Biblical Seminary. He is ordained as a Baptist minister, and is now pastor of the Baptist Church at New Berlin, New York. He married Irene Jones, of Melrose, Massachusetts, who graduated from Gordon College, of Boston, and the New York Biblical Seminary.

FREDERIC HOLDREGE BONTECOU—The career of Frederic Holdrege Bontecou is an example of one who has retired from active business in the city of New York and found many other interests and opportunities for achievement in living on a country farm. He is a State Senator; he is a veteran of the First World War; he is a widely known breeder of thoroughbred cattle and horses; and there are few community activities with which he is not identified. Although a citizen of Millbrook, New York, for twenty-three years, he is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, born November 30, 1893, the son of Daniel and Nathalie (Holdrege) Bontecou. His father, a civil engineer, born in New York City, in 1854, died in 1924. His mother, who came originally from New Bedford, Massachusetts, lived to 1941.

Frederic Holdrege Bontecou prepared for higher education in the schools of Kansas City, Missouri, and after being graduated from a high school there, matriculated at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, class of 1917. In the East he was a member of the Rhode Island National Guard for some three years, and won the rank of lieutenant of a cavalry unit. He enlisted for service during World War I, and was connected with the 77th Field Artillery, Fourth Division, and participated in practically all major offensives in France. When he received his honorable discharge, it was as a first lieutenant.

In civilian life Mr. Bontecou engaged in a brokerage business in New York City until 1926. At that time he

came to Millbrook, New York, and settled on his present farm of some twelve hundred acres. He put into practical use a project that he long had held in mind, the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle and the utilization of one of the best natural resources of this part of New York State, pasturage, with the production of staple feeding crops. He is an active member of the several national and State organizations that are associated with this development in agricultural interests in the East.

Mr. Bontecou was a member of the United States Officers Reserve Corps, and in 1924 was invited to be a member of the American Army Jumping Team in the Olympic Games. Representing the United States he won the King George V Gold Cup in London, riding against some three hundred officers of foreign nations.

He is a director of the First National Bank of Poughkeepsie, and a director of the National Aberdeen Angus Breeders' Association. For several years he was a trustee of Vassar Brothers Hospital, of which he was president of the board for two years. As a staunch Republican he became influential in the councils and campaigns of his party, and has been county chairman of the Dutchess County Republican Committee since 1931. He was elected in July, 1934, at a special election, a member of the New York State Senate. He resigned in 1938 when nominated for the office of Lieutenant-Governor of New York on the Republican ticket. He returned to the Senate in 1942 where he still serves as representative of the 33d Senatorial District.

Mr. Bontecou is a member of the Tennis and Racquet Club of New York City, is fraternally affiliated with Halcyon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Millbrook Golf Club, the Fort Orange Club of Albany, and the Parker Haight Post, No. 275, American Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Bontecou worship in the faith of the Unitarian Church.

On August 18, 1917, Frederic Holdrege Bontecou married Cornelia Metcalf of Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of United States Senator Jesse H. Metcalf and the former Harriett Thurston, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bontecou are the parents of four children: 1. Susan B., who married Clive L. DuVal. 2. Harriett Bontecou, serving in the American Red Cross in England, World War II. 3. Frederic Holdrege, Jr., now serving as a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force, serving in India. 4. Jesse M., now serving in the United States Maritime Service, World War II.

FRANK D. HURD—Since young manhood, Frank D. Hurd has been connected with the postal service of the United States Government, a period of twenty-eight years. Since 1921 he has been postmaster of Napanoch, Ulster County, one of the outstanding postal veterans of this part of Southeastern New York, held in office down the years without regard to the politics of the appointing President. Possibly no feature of his career in-

dicates so well his personal popularity in the town, and the excellence of his work in public capacity.

Postmaster Hurd was born in Angola, Erie County, New York, September 22, 1891, son of Cloys Nathan and Cora L. (Ames) Hurd, both natives of Erie County. His father engaged in agriculture for a number of years, but is best known throughout New York State for his important prison work. Reared in Buffalo, New York, and educated in local public schools, Frank D. Hurd completed courses in a business college before entering upon his life's career. In his early twenties he became associated with a post office, and as indicated, he has been postmaster of Napanoch for the past twenty-two years, conducting his duties and responsibilities in a manner that has won general admiration and approval. He was originally appointed by President Warren G. Harding, was continued in his post down through the administrations of Presidents Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, politics seldom entering into his work as postmaster. Of course his reappointments reflect public recognition of his abilities and devotion to his work, and his personal popularity among the people of Napanoch.

Mr. Hurd is one of the leading citizens of the village, a member of the local school board, past president of the Napanoch Volunteer Fire Department, whose annals go back into the past when volunteer fire companies were the sole dependence of communities in case of fire, and at one time gathered together with other volunteer firemen in meetings and exhibitions which were a noteworthy feature of Southeastern New York annual celebrations. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Napanoch, of which he is president of the board of trustees.

In 1915, Frank D. Hurd married Florence Sheeley, and they are the parents of a son, Gordon H., a graduate of Commercial Art School.

WALTER J. TRAVIS—One of those fortunate men who early in life discovered the kind of career they wanted most to pursue, Walter J. Travis entered the baking industry. For the past two decades he has been the head of the Travis Baking Company, in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Mr. Travis is a native of Westchester County, New York, a son of Stephen Gregory and Philomena K. (Luther) Travis, the latter coming originally from New York City. The father, who was born in Central Park, New York, died in 1941, at the age of ninety-two. He was a carpenter and builder and Walter Travis learned the carpenter's trade with his father, following this field for ten years.

Among his natural gifts was an inventive genius and it was a love of machines and curiosity as to what made them work that lured Walter J. Travis into the baking in-

dustry. He and his partner, George J. Hicks, who were at that time in bakers' machinery business, invented, patented and installed the first automatic baking machine used anywhere. The trade set the seal of its approval upon this time and labor saving device, and for fifteen years Walter J. Travis traveled the United States selling these machines and making and supervising their installation.

Ultimately he tired of being constantly away from home "on the road," and he started in business for himself, by organizing the Bridgeport (Connecticut) Baking Company. In 1922, he disposed of this concern and came to Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, and founded the Travis Baking Company. With the commercial acumen that is one of his outstanding characteristics, he began on a small scale, having in fact only two ovens. That was slightly more than twenty years ago, and the Travis Baking Company with its plant on North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, is really a big business. Some thirty thousand square feet of floor space is utilized, upwards of fifty people are employed, and the plant has a capacity for baking thirty thousand loaves of bread daily. The product of the bakery is distributed over a radius of fifty miles. The Travis Baking Company is a closed, or family corporation, of which Walter J. Travis is president and general manager. During the First World War he was in charge of all the baking establishments in the State of Connecticut, under appointment of President Herbert Hoover, then head of the Food Administration. In this important position he did most excellent work, which was so acknowledged by the United States and State governments. Mr. Travis is chairman of the local rationing board, and has served as president of the local, county and State bakers associations, having a wide acquaintance in the eastern part of the country. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a thirty-second degree Mason, and member of Cypress Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In point of service he is the oldest member of the Poughkeepsie Kiwanis Club; is a member of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, and attends the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member of the official board. Mr. Travis served as president for two terms of Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, and has been a member since 1922. He was active in the organization of the Community Chest here. His hobby is fishing.

Walter J. Travis married May Louise King, of Westchester County, New York, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Margaret E., who married John J. Lane, and is the mother of two children: Walter and Linda Lou Lane. 2. May Louise, who married Paul Brown, and is the mother of one son, Paul Robert Brown.

LEONARD McCLINTOCK, M. D.—When the day comes that public recognition is given of the value

of the services of those who have labored long and hard on behalf of their fellowmen, a name that will be suggested for this honor, is that of Dr. Leonard McClintock who was a physician and surgeon in Beacon for nearly forty years. His horse and buggy were a familiar and welcome sight over a wide area of southern Dutchess and northern Putnam counties, around the turn of the century. When later he used more modern modes of transportation, it was only to be of quicker and better service to his large clientele. Few men of his time and place were more esteemed and beloved.

During, or before the American Revolution, the paternal ancestor of Dr. McClintock, one Charles, came from his native hills of Scotland to the New World and established his branch of a well-known Scottish family in New York State. Dr. McClintock was born at South Worcester, Otsego County, New York, on August 11, 1870, son of James and Margaret De la Montfort McClintock. Reared on his father's farm, and starting his education in district schools, Dr. McClintock prepared for a professional career, first by graduation from Union College, and then from the Albany Medical College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After one year in practice in Stamford, Delaware County, he removed, in 1897, to Beacon, the second largest place in Dutchess County, to carry further his work of healing. Until his passing in 1936, he rendered exceptional aid to the people of two and three generations in the city and vicinity, not alone as a professional man of great skill, but as friend and family adviser. Some of those he brought into the world, he assisted in reaching the heights of their ambitions as young men and women.

Dr. McClintock was a member of the staff of the Highland Hospital, at Beacon, and of other institutions some time during his active life. He was a member of the Dutchess County Medical Association, of the Orange County Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, this being his method of keeping abreast of progress in his profession and in touch with colleagues. He served on various medical and war boards and committees during the First World War, and was affiliated with several local groups and organizations. Few men and physicians were more sincerely mourned than Dr. McClintock upon his death in April, 1936.

In 1899, Leonard McClintock married Louise Brown, of Stamford, New York, daughter of Samuel I. and Mary (Mackey) Brown, her father a former hotel man, a prominent citizen interested in a wide variety of business enterprises. The Mackey name and achievements date from before the American Revolution, and in New England were known since the sixteen hundreds, when one Daniel Mackey was a citizen of Newton, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. McClintock were the parents of four children: 1. James Douglas, a graduate of Amherst Col-

lege; he married (first), Helen Gottschaldt, and they have two children; he married (second), Ruth Dawson, of Phoenix, Arizona; his third wife's name is Virginia, and they have one son. 2. Beatrice, a graduate of the New York School of Fine and Applied Art; she married George Ward, now deceased. 3. Dorothy McClintock. 4. Lorraine, attended a college at Bristol, Tennessee, then Skidmore College, of which she is a graduate; she married Donald Schimpff, and they have one child.

LESTER C. AROH—Long active in the newspaper publishing business, Lester C. Aroh was editor and publisher of the Pine Plains "Register-Herald." He utilized the columns of this widely read publication for the furtherance of many worth-while movements and projects, and was widely respected, honored and trusted as a result of his many-sided work. His achievements were truly outstanding in this community and the surrounding region of New York State, and he was loved, too, for his splendid qualities of personality, character and mind.

Mr. Aroh was born May 23, 1902, at La Porte City, near Waterloo, Iowa, son of the Rev. Calvin H. and Anna E. (Liebensberger) Aroh. His stepmother was among those surviving him, as were also a sister, Mrs. Sherwood F. Ritz, of Red Lion, Pennsylvania, and a brother-in-law, Henry Grant, with whom he was associated in publishing the "Register-Herald."

Lester C. Aroh was about three years old when he removed to Manley, Iowa. Later he took up his residence in Iowa City. In 1907 the family returned to their original home in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Aroh received his formal schooling in the graded school at Stone Church, formerly known as Centerville, between Portland and Easton, in eastern Pennsylvania, near the Delaware River. In 1913 the family removed to Felton, in York County, Pennsylvania, and there he attended high school at Red Lion, a nearby town. Afterward the Arohs went to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where his father was pastor for a time, and soon after removing there Lester C. Aroh joined the staff of the City National Bank in that city. For seven years he continued that work. Studying in the banking school for junior executives here, he specialized in office management and accounting.

At the conclusion of that seven-year period he came to Pine Plains. His father-in-law, John Grant, had moved to Pine Plains also in 1924 and had bought control of the "Register" from the Weaver interests, later purchasing the "Herald" from Samuel Hoag and combining the two papers to form the "Register-Herald." It was just a few months later, in the same year, that Mr. Aroh came to Pine Plains to be business manager of the publication for Mr. Grant. The partnership of Grant and Aroh then sprang into being; and after the death of John Grant,

his son, Henry Grant, and daughter, Eda Grant Aroh, joined the organization as active partners. In carrying on the work of newspaper publication in Pine Plains, Mr. Aroh preserved an old tradition, the "Register" having been established in 1882. The first issue, published April 7, that year, contained Charles S. Wilber's characterization of the purpose of the publication. Mr. Wilber, founder of the "Register," wrote that the paper was designed to "meet a want long felt in this community," and went on to write that "in accordance with the oft-expressed wishes of the citizens of Pine Plains and vicinity for a local paper to represent the intelligence, business, industrial and educational interests of the village, the town and its surroundings, the 'Register' is established." The statement further added: "Without further introduction, without specific promises of 'perpetual goodness,' believing that by its appearance and contents it should be judged, and relying only upon its merits for patronage, The 'Register' makes its bow to the public, announces itself ready for business, open to criticism, enterprising and sanguine of a full measure of success." The "Register-Herald," under Lester C. Aroh's and Mr. Grant's editorship and guidance, preserved much of this earlier spirit, and greatly enhanced the paper's coverage of local news and the northern Dutchess and southern Columbia County area. It was operated by them as a home paper, designed to meet the needs of the people of this area. It had only three owners—the founder, Charles S. Wilber; Samuel Weaver; and the firm of Grant & Aroh, who took it over in 1924 after Mr. Weaver had held it for eighteen years.

Lester C. Aroh was active, too, in many Pine Plains organizations, including Stissing Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Past Masters' Association of that order. He was also affiliated with the Tri-Po-Bed Grotto, Poughkeepsie; Pine Plains Grange, No. 803, of the Patrons of Husbandry; the Pine Plains Sportsmen's Association; the Pine Plains Hose Company; the Pine Plains Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; and the Pine Plains Presbyterian Church. Formerly he was collector of taxes for the Pine Plains Central School District, serving his fourth term at the close of his life.

While living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Lester C. Aroh met Eda Grant, daughter of John and Hulda (Peterson) Grant and sister of Henry Grant, referred to above. Their marriage took place June 19, 1926, in Pine Plains. Her mother died in 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Aroh became the parents of three children: 1. Lester C., Jr., born December 6, 1929. 2. Anita Priscilla, born January 10, 1932. 3. Allan Grant, born July 13, 1938.

The death of Lester C. Aroh occurred near Elizaville, New York, November 15, 1941, in a hunting accident, and was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret wherever he was known. His contribution to the life





Charles B. Reed

of Pine Plains and vicinity was truly outstanding, and he will be remembered with the deepest warmth of affection by all who knew him.

CHARLES B. REED, M. D.—For a score of years Charles B. Reed, M. D., has conducted a practice of medicine at Newburgh, specializing in roentgenology and physiotherapy, which he continues at the present time; previously he had studied in this field in New York City, and had practiced there. In addition to his private practice in the city of Newburgh, Dr. Reed is at the present time associated on the staff as assistant radiologist at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital, and assistant clinical professor of radiology at New York Medical College and Flower and Fifth Avenue hospitals. He is also a consulting radiologist at Cornwall Hospital and at Matteawan State Hospital. Dr. Reed has, during his long residence here, desired to see the city of Newburgh develop along progressive lines. He was actively associated with the planning of the Stewart Airport which was recently instituted here, and has given time and attention to the work of social agencies, particularly to the local unit of the Boy Scouts of America, in which organization he has served on various boards and committees. Well known throughout the Newburgh region, Dr. Reed is a member not only of the usual professional organizations, but also of many civic, social and fraternal associations.

Dr. Charles B. Reed was born at Washingtonville, New York, on August 12, 1893, son of Dr. William E. and Delia (Bailey) Reed. Dr. William E. Reed was born at West Brookfield, Massachusetts, on May 13, 1856. He received his professional training at the New York Homœopathic College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1884, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After two years of practice in the State of Connecticut, and five years in the city of Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Reed settled in Washingtonville for a permanent general practice. For seventeen years, terminating in 1921, Dr. Reed served as president of the village of Washingtonville. He was active in the local religious, social, and fraternal activities of his home community. He has a daughter, Ilione, by a first marriage. She married Frank Kershaw, of Highland Mills. Dr. William E. Reed married (second), September 25, 1892, Delia Bailey, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Charles B., of this record. 2. Marian D. Reed, born May 12, 1895. She was graduated from Vassar College in 1918, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1922, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Her internship was spent at the Metropolitan Hospital in New York City. She spent two years as school physician in Dunkirk, and later held a similar position in Mount Vernon.

Charles B. Reed grew up at Washingtonville, and received his early education there. For his medical studies,

he turned to the medical school of the New York Homœopathic and Flower Hospital, graduating in the class of 1915. His internship was spent in both the Metropolitan Hospital of New York City and in the Hahnemann Hospital.

On July 30, 1917, Dr. Reed enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, receiving the rank of first lieutenant. He was for a time assistant instructor in the army school, and then spent fourteen months overseas at X-ray work in the base hospital at Bazoille, Evacuation Hospital No. 1, Sebastopol, and in the X-ray repair shop at Paris, in which he held command. He was promoted to the rank of captain in March of 1918, and to that of major on May 2, 1919; on September 17, 1919, he was mustered out. He then spent a winter in study with Professor Shearer, at Cornell University, before locating in New York City, at which place he was to continue until 1923. There he was engaged in X-ray work at the Metropolitan and Fifth Avenue hospitals. In the fall of 1923, Dr. Reed came to Newburgh, at which city he has since continued his practice, specializing in X-ray and physiotherapy.

His professional affiliations include membership in the Newburgh Bay Medical Society, the Orange County Medical Society, the New York Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the New York Röntgen Society and the American Röntgen Society. He became associated with the local district committee of the Boy Scouts of America in 1924, shortly after he came to this city, and has continued to be an adviser to this organization to the present time. He has served in various capacities, including that of health and safety chairman of the District Council Committee. He held the office of president of the council from 1940 to 1943. At the present time, Dr. Reed is chairman of the senior scout program. His social affiliations include membership in the Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, of the Free and Accepted Masons; the local post of the American Legion; the Newburgh City Club; and the Gyro Club of New York City.

On June 17, 1920, Dr. Charles B. Reed was married (first) to Marjorie Holley, of Watertown, who traced her ancestry from Colonial times, and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They were the parents of two children: 1. Holley W., born November 22, 1922; graduated from Colgate University, and is now a student in the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a member of the United States Naval Reserve. 2. Donald B., born June 15, 1924. He is at present serving in the United States Navy in the naval aviation program for pilot training. Dr. Reed married (second), in 1941, Adrienne M. Clair, an interior decorator with the W. J. Sloane firm in New York City prior to her marriage. She was president of the Fighting French Committee of Newburgh, was active in the local unit of the American Red

Cross, and in the Cornwall Garden Club. She has been a member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) since February 2, 1944. Dr. and Mrs. Reed are communicants of the First Presbyterian Church at Newburgh, New York, and are active together in the social and civic enterprises of their home community.

LEONARD J. SUPPLE—After a year with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I, Leonard J. Supple completed his academic and professional education and established himself in a practice of the law in Beacon, Dutchess County. He has handled many important cases, and it has been his privilege to render valuable services to Dutchess County municipalities and organizations.

Mr. Supple was born in Moosup, Connecticut, February 18, 1895, son of John J. and Mary (Quinn) Supple, both of whom are now deceased, the latter lying in 1916. His father, who was engaged in the dyeing business in Beacon, lived until 1929. Leonard J. Supple obtained his early education in the grade schools of Beacon and then matriculated at Georgetown University, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his legal training Mr. Supple enrolled at Fordham University, New York City, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class graduated in 1927.

Mr. Supple was admitted to the bar of Dutchess County in 1927, and has been conducting a general practice of his profession in Beacon ever since, with an ever increasing clientele. In addition to his private practice, he is attorney for the village of Fishkill and also for the Dutchess County Medical Association. He is also supervisor for the town of Fishkill and chairman of the Dutchess County Board of Supervisors.

During World War I, Mr. Supple served in the United States Army with the rank of first lieutenant, being overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces for one year. He is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His clubs include the Southern Dutchess Country and the Dutchess County Country Club.

At Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, in May, 1918, Leonard J. Supple married Rachel Schoonover.

EDWARD R. SCOFIELD—Formerly employed by the Sweet, Orr & Company factory of Wappingers Falls, Edward R. Scofield was in 1928 elected to the position of Dutchess County supervisor from the town of Wappinger. In the same year, he became an associate on the Dutchess County Highway Department, in which he now holds the position of chairman. Since

1928, he has limited himself to the execution of his duties as a public representative.

Mr. Scofield, a native of Wappingers Falls, was born there in 1879, son of Remson D. and Mary (Welling) Scofield, both now deceased. His father worked as a laborer. Edward R. grew up at Wappingers Falls, attended the local public schools, and received the customary general education. He then became associated in work at factories of the district, turning his hand to various skills, and rising to the position of foreman.

In politics, Mr. Scofield first became active as a candidate for public office in 1928, when he was a candidate for the position of supervisor from the town of Wappinger. Since his first election to the post, he has held it continuously, and is now serving his eighth successive term.

As chairman of the Dutchess County Highway Department he is responsible for supervision of construction and repair throughout the county. In addition to these duties, Mr. Scofield continues to hold the position of director of the National Bank of Wappingers Falls, New York.

His social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Order of the Eastern Star; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Improved Order of Red Men; the Knights of Pythias; the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America; and the Wappingers Falls Lions Club.

In 1901, at Wappingers Falls, Edward R. Scofield was married to Lela Crane and they are the parents of three children: 1. Edward C., who is married and has three children: Ann, Jane, and Mary. 2. Evelyn (Scofield) Carlson. 3. Gerald, who died May 3, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scofield were the parents of a son, Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Scofield are communicants of the Methodist Church at Wappingers Falls, in which Mr. Scofield is a member of the board of trustees, and have been active together in the social and civic enterprises of their home community.

FLOYD L. CALLAHAN—Since 1923 Floyd L. Callahan has been cashier of the Matteawan National Bank, of Beacon. Succeeding his father in this position, he has carried on the work so successfully handled by the elder man.

Mr. Callahan was born June 2, 1888, in Newburgh, New York, son of the late George M. Callahan, who was for thirty years cashier of the Matteawan National Bank, in Beacon. The mother was Martha L. (Loughridge) Callahan.

Floyd L. Callahan attended public schools in Newburgh, his New York State birthplace, and at the age of eighteen years entered the employ of his father's bank. Learning all the details and ramifications of banking practice in association with the Matteawan National Bank,

under his father's skillful guidance, Floyd L. Callahan was able, in 1923, at his father's retirement, to assume the full responsibilities of the cashier's post. Duly elected to this office by the bank's directors, Mr. Callahan has continued so to serve down to the time of writing. He is also a director of the bank.

Aside from his business activities, Mr. Callahan is vice-president of the Beacon Board of Education and a past member of the Volunteer Fire Company of Beacon. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is treasurer of Lodge No. 283, of Beacon. He is also treasurer of the Southern Dutchess and Putnam County Sportsman's Association and of the Howland Library, in Beacon. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1913, in Beacon, New York, Floyd L. Callahan married Florence Boyce. They became the parents of the following children: 1. William G. Callahan, born in 1914, who is a major in the 8th Air Force, stationed somewhere in England at the time of writing. 2. Ruth B. Callahan, born in 1921, now married to Captain Verne M. Ketterer in charge of the Officers' Club at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

EMORY J. HAGER—As assistant cashier of the Matteawan National Bank, of Beacon, Emory J. Hager has performed a work of importance and value in his community.

Mr. Hager was born July 28, 1895, in Chelsea, New York, son of Ulysses and Sara (Morse) Hager. His father, who is now deceased, was for many years employed by the New York Central Railroad.

Public schools of Chelsea, his New York State birthplace, provided the early formal education of Emory J. Hager. He graduated from Beacon High School and subsequently became a student at the Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, from which he also graduated. In 1917 he entered the employ of the Matteawan National Bank, in Beacon, which in 1932 made him its assistant cashier and trust officer. Mr. Hager is active in the social, civic and fraternal life of Beacon, belonging to Lodge No. 283 of the Free and Accepted Masons here and being a Past Master of this lodge. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, treasurer of the Chelsea Yacht Club and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. For twelve years he has served as justice of the peace of the town of Wappinger and is now councilman in the same town.

In 1917, in Beacon, New York, Emory J. Hager married Aurilla Mae Tallmadge. They became the parents of a son, William D. Hager, who was born in 1920. He is a graduate of Fordham University, New York City, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree, and was assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, until 1943 when he received his commission in the United States Naval Re-

serve. He married Elizabeth Frey in 1940, and at present they reside in California. He is a lieutenant (j. g.) and is assigned to the Staff-Commander Fleet Air, United States Air Station, Alameda, California.

HAROLD I. MACGLASSON—One of Beacon's leading merchants, Harold I. Macglasson is proprietor of T. I. Macglasson & Son, who conduct a paint store and an undertaking establishment here.

Mr. Macglasson was born June 9, 1880, in Dover Plains, New York, son of Thomas I. and Harriet (Belden) Macglasson. From 1885 onward for the rest of his life his father was a merchant and undertaker in Beacon.

Beacon public schools provided Harold I. Macglasson's early formal education, and he subsequently studied at the Centenary Collegiate Institute, in Hackettstown, New Jersey. When he was old enough to do so, he assisted his father as an undertaker and merchant in Beacon. Then, at the elder man's death, he became sole owner of the firm of T. I. Macglasson & Son, as it is now known, dealers in paints and operators of a widely known undertaking firm in this community. He continues to be one of Beacon's foremost business men.

In addition to heading the firm of T. I. Macglasson & Son, he is a director of the Beacon Savings Bank and the Beacon Savings & Loan Bank. Among his other undertakings, he is prominent in civic affairs, being a member of the Volunteer Fire Company and an active worker along other lines. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has many affiliations, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and being an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a trustee of the First Methodist Church of Beacon.

In 1906, in Beacon, New York, Harold I. Macglasson married Maude M. Dolson. They became the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth D. Macglasson. 2. H. Irving Macglasson, Jr., graduated from Blair Academy and the New York School of Design, associated with his father at the time of writing in operation of T. I. Macglasson & Son.

JAMES GULICK MEYER—Without ostentation or giving any undue importance to his endeavors, James Gulick Meyer has been for a long period an outstanding citizen of Southeastern New York. For half a century and more he has been an attorney in the Beacon section of the lower Hudson River, whose activities frequently were carried on in the capital of New York State and metropolitan New York City. Good citizenship has always been characteristic of his life, and down the years he has been associated with many projects and organizations that have gone into the better development of the region with which his whole career has been identified.

Attorney Meyer was born at Fishkill Landing, Dutchess County, New York, January 17, 1864, son of Louis and Mary (Nelson) Meyer, his father a general business man. James Gulick Meyer prepared for higher education in local public schools and academy, and entered Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from which he was graduated with the class of 1884, a Bachelor of Arts. In 1887 he received his Master's degree in Arts from his *alma mater*. After the custom of his time, he "read law" and in September, 1886, was admitted to the bar of New York State.

Mr. Meyer has engaged in a general practice without partners for fifty-seven years that have been rich in experience and interest. He has played parts in a number of notable cases, and served numerous clients well. At one time he carried on some excellent investigations for Governor Dix, and was a member of the commission on new prisons. He was from time to time attorney for the town of Fishkill, the village of Matteawan, the village of Fishkill and the city of Beacon, where he has his offices. Mr. Meyer was attorney for Fishkill Landing and Matteawan when this section was so busily engaged in the paving of streets and roads, the building of sewers and water works.

Mr. Meyer is attorney for the Fishkill National Bank, of Beacon. Since youth he has been a staunch Democrat in politics, influential in party councils and campaigns. Fraternally Mr. Meyer is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Free and Accepted Masons, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias, and is a Chancellor Commander of the latter lodge. His clubs include the Elks and the Matteawan. He and his family attend the Dutch Reformed and the Protestant Episcopal churches.

At Matteawan, New York, February 18, 1889, James Gulick Meyer married Annie Rothery, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Banner) Rothery, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Marion Rothery, born December 15, 1889. 2. Charles Aston, who served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

JOHN E. LIEBMAN—As the founder and executive of his own firm, John E. Liebman holds a prominent place among the leaders in industries that contribute to the prosperity and welfare of Southeastern New York. Widely known to the trade, he is a manufacturer of leather clothing, aviation clothes, and leather sports outfits.

Mr. Liebman was born in Austria, December 28, 1900, son of Herman and Sally Liebman, his father being a retired business man. The son, of this record, was educated in the grade and high schools, and early set about making his own livelihood. As indicated, he became a clothing specialist. John E. Liebman is a member of the

Southern Dutchess Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Lions Club, and his religious affiliations are with the Hebrew Church.

In New York City, June 20, 1941, John E. Liebman married Dorothy Shapiro, daughter of Herman and Ida Shapiro, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Stewart Peter, born May 20, 1942. 2. Joan Dinah, born September 16, 1943.

GEORGE M. CURRIE—A resident of Wappingers Falls, George M. Currie has become interested in the operation of ice and cold storage plants in several nearby cities. He is vice-president, executive director and majority stockholder of Beacon Ice & Cold Storage, Inc., one of the most modern plants in the Eastern New York district. In addition, Mr. Currie is associated in a directorial capacity with similar companies. He is associated in business activities in Wappingers Falls, and is a member of social and fraternal organizations here.

Mr. Currie was born at Ashland, New York, in August of 1881, son of George and Jennie (Wagner) Currie, both now deceased. His father was a merchant engaged in business at Gardiner, New York. George M. grew up at Gardiner, attending the public elementary and high schools there, and receiving the customary preparatory education. He was then a student in a course of civil engineering at the Civil Institute of Technology in Chicago.

His first major venture in an engineering position was at the Carpendale Machine Company, at which he was employed from 1923 to 1936. During those years, Mr. Currie had been buying stock in various ice and cold storage plants. Notable among these was Beacon Ice & Cold Storage, Inc., of which he became vice-president, executive director and majority stockholder in 1936, and in 1942 became president. Mr. Currie is a member of the board of directors and the treasurer of Bacu Ice & Cold Storage, Inc., of Poughkeepsie, and president and member of the board of directors of the Muchattoes Ice & Cold Storage Company, of Newburgh.

He is chairman of the board of directors of the National Bank of Wappingers Falls. During 1917 and 1918, Mr. Currie served in the home guard regiments. His present social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and the Commandery of the Knights Templar.

In 1904, George M. Currie was married to Edna E. Freer, at New Paltz, New York. They are communicants of the Methodist Church, and are the parents of a daughter, Jane, who is Mrs. John C. Weisner, of Newburgh.



George M Currie

ELLIOTT H. VAN VOORHIS—For many years Elliott H. Van Voorhis was active in the business life of Fishkill. He was a partner, until his retirement, in the Van Voorhis Brothers Lumber Company, lumber dealers and general contractors.

Mr. Van Voorhis was born in 1885 in Fishkill, New York, son of Herman and Susan A. (Taplin) Van Voorhis, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a general merchant and banker during his lifetime.

Public schools of Fishkill provided Elliott H. Van Voorhis' early education. He continued his studies through the high school grades and for eight years he was associated with the New York Central Railroad Company, so continuing until 1913. In that year, with his brother, George R. Van Voorhis (*q. v.*), he established the Van Voorhis Brothers Lumber Company, in Fishkill. From the lumber trade, the two brothers gradually extended their activities to include a wide range of general contracting operations. Elliott H. Van Voorhis carried on this work with the Van Voorhis company until his retirement from his business endeavors in 1938.

Mr. Van Voorhis at all times interested himself in the civic and social life of Fishkill and vicinity. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and he and his family belong to St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Chelsea.

Elliott H. Van Voorhis married Adaline Chidister. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Donald Van Voorhis, who is now deceased. 2. Richard Van Voorhis, now in the United States Navy. 3. Marion Van Voorhis, living at home with her family.

GEORGE R. VAN VOORHIS—Long recognized as one of Fishkill's leading merchants and citizens, George R. Van Voorhis is widely known throughout this area of New York State. He represents the sixth generation of his family to be active in the lumber business here, and the Van Voorhis Brothers Lumber Company has gradually extended its scope to include a full line of general contracting service.

Mr. Van Voorhis was born July 30, 1890, in Chelsea, New York, son of Herman and Susan A. (Taplin) Van Voorhis, both of whom are now deceased. Throughout his career Herman Van Voorhis, the father, was active as a general merchant.

George R. Van Voorhis attended public schools in Fishkill, his birthplace, finishing his studies through the high school grades. In young manhood he learned carpentry. Then, in 1913, in association with his brother, Elliott H. Van Voorhis (*q. v.*), he formed the partnership now known as the Van Voorhis Brothers Lumber Company. As they added contracting to the firm's lumber business, the enterprise grew and prospered. The brother retired from his active endeavors in this connection in 1938, and since that time George R. Van Voorhis and his son, George R. Van Voorhis, Jr., have carried forward opera-

tions, the son representing the seventh generation of the family to carry on this one business.

In addition to his work in this connection, George R. Van Voorhis is a trustee of the Beacon Savings Bank and vice-president of the Matteawan National Bank of Beacon. He served during the World War period of 1917-18 in the United States Navy. He is now active in the Beacon Kiwanis Club, and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Grange, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is a member of the lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter. He is a warden and an active member of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Fishkill.

In 1919, in Fishkill, New York, George R. Van Voorhis married Florence M. Stage, who died April 16, 1943. They became the parents of two children: 1. George R. Van Voorhis, Jr., born in 1921, now serving in the United States Army. 2. Virginia E. Van Voorhis, a student at the University of New Hampshire at the time of writing.

ARTHUR D. DECKER—Reminiscent of old-time days in Southeastern New York, is the career of Arthur D. Decker. All through this part of the State there once were well known establishments which catered to the traveling public and the home people—hotels that were well maintained, where one enjoyed genuine hospitality. In addition to being host, the owner of the inn frequently operated a general store and sometimes rendered other services. Mr. Decker began to learn the hotel business when hardly more than a youth, and since 1926 he has been the proprietor of the Stokes Hotel and business block, an outstanding figure in the life and affairs of Kerhonkson, New York.

He was born at Granite, New York, February 28, 1886, son of Jonas and Rosetta (Schoonmaker) Decker, his father being a farmer and substantial citizen. Arthur D. Decker attended local public schools and the Spencian Business College at Newburgh, New York. After experience in the hotel business in a number of cities, he came to Kerhonkson in 1918, and purchased the Triple Spring Farm on the Minnewaska Trail; in 1926 he purchased the Stokes Hotel and business block. He has continued his excellent work as owner, manager, and friendly host of the hotel and his merchandising establishment. Mr. Decker is also financially interested in other concerns and local real estate. He was a member and clerk of the school board in 1926-27, during the construction of the Kerhonkson High School, and later become commissioner of the fire district. Fraternally, Mr. Decker is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is a past president of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and a former president of the Kerhonkson Fire Company. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church.

Arthur D. Decker married (first), in 1910, Mabel Louise Combes, who died in 1917, and they were the parents of the following children: Edward D., in the United States Navy and Harold D. a lieutenant in the United States Navy. Mr. Decker married (second) in 1919, Mary Dempsey, and they have three sons and one daughter: William Charles, a lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps; Lucille D., a teacher in the Kerkhonkson High School; Philip A. and Jason Oakley attending school. Mr. Decker also has four granddaughters, Barbara Jean Decker, Diana Hume Doyle, Marylyn D. Doyle, and Mary Jo Decker.

CLARENCE J. BABCOCK—A member of old established Ulster County families, Clarence J. Babcock grew up on a farm near Kingston and continued in the business until he had achieved a substantial success. His way in life was not as simple and easy as the above description might suggest, for even in so fine a section as Ulster County, agriculture, especially dairying in which he specialized, entails hard work, intelligent foresight and progressive ideas that stand the test of good and bad years.

He was born at Kingston, New York, in 1890, son of Judson S. and Floretta (Shultz) Babcock. His mother is living in Kingston, but his father, a farmer, is deceased. They were the parents of three children: Clarence J., and Beulah and Birdella, twins. Birdella is the wife of William E. Mellert, who has managed the Babcock dairy since Mr. Babcock's death. Mr. and Mrs. Mellert have two sons, Robert G., in the United States Army Medical Corps; he married Barbara Norton and has a son, Terence; and William S., a gunner's mate in the United States Navy. The parents gave their boy a good education in the public schools of Kingston and Kingston Academy. He was rather young when he took on the responsibilities of managing a dairy enterprise, but he was among those youths of foresight and determination who had faith in the future and solidity of the dairy industry, and moulded his life and ways to making a success of his undertaking.

His father established the Babcock Farms Dairy in 1880. Clarence J. ultimately was the proprietor of a bottling plant that put up three thousand five hundred quarts of milk a day. He also was the owner of a hundred acre farm, and the only farm of that size within the city limits of Kingston all under cultivation or in pasture. While he grew diversified crops, he never departed from dairying as his main interest and carried some twenty head of milch cows on his place. He bred registered Ayrshire cattle and pure-bred Percheron horses. He had little time for organizational activities, his principal affiliation being with the Free and Accepted Masons. He attended St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, in Kingston.

In 1914, at Flatbush, Ulster County, New York, Clarence J. Babcock married Viola B. Cramer, daughter of Charles and Elvina (Longendyke) Cramer, and they were the parents of two daughters, Phyllis C. and Jean S. Phyllis C. married George Silkworth, and is the mother of a daughter, Carol Lee Silkworth. Jean S. married Karl Edward Lefren, and they have a daughter, Toini. Since the death of Mr. Babcock, his widow has managed the family dairy enterprises.

The passing of Mr. Babcock in January, 1930, marked the passing of a man and citizen who had lived an eminently useful life and held universally the respect and esteem of all who know him intimately. Without ostentation or any ambition for publicity, he contributed his full share to community developments. He had a simplicity of character which was seldom deceived by his fellowmen. His was a disposition that won him many friends to whom he was deeply attached. His memory is cherished.

CHESTER A. BALTZ—Recognized as one of Kingston's leading business men, Chester A. Baltz is a partner of C. A. Baltz & Sons, manufacturers of pajamas and sport shirts, who conduct operations on a nationwide scale and now employ two hundred workers.

Mr. Baltz was born October 26, 1880, in Jefferson County, New York, son of George F. and Mary (Haas) Baltz, both of whom are now deceased. His father was engaged in farming operations.

Public schools of Jefferson County, in his native district, provided Chester A. Baltz's early formal education, and he later studied at St. Lawrence University. For one year he taught school. Then he entered into business as a manufacturer in Kingston, here establishing the C. A. Baltz Company in 1920. This company, which now occupies a prominent place in the economic life of Kingston and this region of New York State, is headed by Mr. Baltz, who since 1941, has had his two sons, Chester A. Baltz, Jr., and Harold H. Baltz, as partners.

More and more widely known as his company has grown and distributed its products on an ever-widening scale, Mr. Baltz is one of Kingston's leading citizens. Quite aside from the rôle of leadership that is his in business circles here, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and a leader in the work of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1910, in Kingston, New York, Chester A. Baltz married Anna M. Vogel and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Chester A., Jr., born in 1914 in Kingston, graduated in 1935 from St. Lawrence University as a Bachelor of Science, then became a partner with his father in C. A. Baltz & Sons and so continued until the entry of the United States into the Second World War, whereupon he entered the army air corps,

in which he is a first lieutenant, serving at present as sector weather officer at Gore Field, Montana. He married Evelyn Winfield. 2. Harold H., born in 1916 in Kingston, attended St. Lawrence University, then associated himself with his father in business after two years at the university, and so continued until he enlisted in the army air corps, in which he is at present serving in India as a radio maintenance man. He married Virginia Luedtke. 3. Florence Virginia, born in 1911, wife of Alfred Bruckert and mother of their child, Alfred Bruckert, Jr. Alfred Bruckert is now serving as lieutenant in the United States Navy, in the Pacific area. He is connected with the naval air force amphibious communications, and took part in the invasions of Saipan, Guam and Tinian. 4. Roger E., born in 1926. 5. Albert George, born in 1928.

HENRY A. LAMOUREE—For many years active in public affairs in Saugerties, Henry A. Lamouree has had a broad experience covering agricultural and business activity and service in many public offices. He is at the time of writing engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Saugerties, and is serving as coroner of his community.

Mr. Lamouree was born July 5, 1897, in Palenville, Greene County, New York, son of Luman and Anna (Haley) Lamouree and member of an old and noted family. His paternal grandfather erected and owned a woolen mill in Palenville, operating it for many years. Luman Lamouree was born in Greene County in 1855 and spent most of his life within its borders, conducting a quarry and running a boarding house during the tourist season each year. In 1909 he removed to Ulster County, settling at Blue Mountain, in the township of Saugerties, and buying seventy acres of land. There he raised fine vegetables and berries, which he sold to boarding houses and tourists, and he made his home there until his death in 1926. He married Anna Haley, born near Liberty, in Sullivan County, New York, in 1854. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John, who attended public schools in Palenville and later continued his studies at Columbia University, from whose pharmaceutical department he was graduated; later he was engaged in the drug business in Tuxedo and Suffern, in association with his brother, Alexander Lamouree, and Frank E. Paret, the three of them operating the firm of Paret & Lamouree, Inc.; he was early connected with Lorillard Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Tuxedo; he married Mary McCreery, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and they became the parents of three children: i. Anna, who studied at Cornell University. ii. Roger. iii. Clementine. 2. Adelaide, graduated from the State Normal College at New Paltz, became a teacher in New York City schools; she became the wife of Owen Turtle, a teacher of vocal music, who maintained a studio

in New York until his death in 1925. 3. Alexander, graduated from Catskill High School and the Columbia College of Pharmacy, attached to Base Hospital No. 15 during the World War period of 1917-18, a member of Lorillard Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; he married Catherine Fitzpatrick, of Tuxedo, and they became the parents of one child, Renée Lamouree, who attended schools in her home community. 4. Emma, wife of James H. Reilly, a lawyer, clerk in the surrogate's office in Catskill; they became the parents of three children: Eileen, Cecilia, and Marie. 5. Adelbert, studied in public schools, joined the New York National Guard, trained at Spartanburg, South Carolina, during the First World War, went to France in 1917 with the 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, and made the supreme sacrifice for his country on October 18, 1918, while serving in the San Quentin sector; Lamouree Post, No. 96, of the American Legion, in Saugerties, was named after him. 6. Henry A., of further mention.

Henry A. Lamouree attended public schools in Saugerties, and after completing his high school studies he took charge of the home farm of his family. In 1917 he enlisted in the navy for service in the First World War, and was assigned to the aviation department. After eight months of hard training at the Great Lakes Camp, Great Lakes, Illinois, he was sent to Rockaway Point Air Station, on Long Island, and detailed for duty with Dirigible C-10. For eighteen months he continued there, receiving an honorable discharge at the end of that time. Returning home, he again took over management of his family's farm, and afterward taught for two years in rural schools in West Saugerties and Manorville, Ulster County. In 1926 he was elected assessor, so serving until 1929. In the fall of that year he was elected supervisor of Ulster County to represent the Saugerties district, and, taking office January 1, 1930, he served for two two-year terms. As a public servant he proved distinctive merit, striving untiringly on behalf of the township and performing his duties so faithfully and conscientiously that he was afterward chosen to fulfill still higher responsibilities. In 1936 he was elected deputy commissioner of public welfare, an office that he held for five years, until 1941. Meanwhile, he was elected coroner for Saugerties in 1939. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Saugerties National Bank & Trust Company for fourteen years.

He took over his present business in 1940, when he bought the Lasher Furniture Store. Adding undertaking to the program of this business organization, he has developed what is recognized as one of Saugerties' outstanding business enterprises. In addition to his public and private activities enumerated above, Mr. Lamouree has interested himself in the affairs of many groups participating in social, civic and religious life. He is a member of the Saugerties Club. Fraternally he is affilia-

ted with Ulster Lodge, No. 93, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also a member of Catskill Chapter, No. 285, of Royal Arch Masons. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is connected with Catskill Mountain Lodge, No. 487, and Thomas Wiley Encampment, No. 57, of Saugerties, and was deputy grand master for the Ulster district in 1926. Mrs. Lamouree is a member of Rebekah Lodge, No. 36, in Saugerties. Mr. Lamouree also holds membership in Esopus Tribe, No. 482, of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in Saugerties. He is loyal to the principles and teachings of these fraternal orders, as is also true of his relation with the Dutch Reformed Church, of Blue Mountain, in which his wife is also active. He has rendered particularly useful service as president of the Saugerties Sunday School Association. For two years he was president of the Ulster County Christian Endeavor Union, and formerly he was president of the Saugerties Christian Endeavor Union, of which his wife became secretary-treasurer.

Henry A. Lamouree married, September 19, 1924, Lillian M. Myer, daughter of Edward Myer. Her parents were farmers in Saugerties. Mr. and Mrs. Lamouree became the parents of one daughter, Sally Ann Lamouree, born in 1941.

FRANK R. CRUMBIE, Sr.—With the annals of of Rockland County, of which he is one of its outstanding citizens, Frank R. Crumbie, Sr., has been identified over a long period with the Nyack section. Born in New York City, March 28, 1862, he was brought to this part of Southeastern New York as an infant and grew up to take a place of leadership in the community.

The parents of Frank R. Crumbie, Sr., were James and Ann Eliza (Dunning) Crumbie, his mother being a native of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, and his father of Peekskill, New York. James Crumbie, son of Robert Crumbie reputedly publisher of the first newspaper in Westchester County, engaged in business in New York City for many years, and acquired large amounts of real estate in the metropolis. An excellent biography of Frank R. Crumbie, Sr., can be found in Judge Tompkins' "History of Rockland County."

Frank R. Crumbie, Sr., was educated in Nyack and New York City schools, although mainly he studied under private tutors. He was graduated from the Columbia University School of Law, with the class of 1884, a Bachelor of Laws. While admitted to the New York State bar, he did not follow the practice of his profession, although he found as a man of large affairs that a knowledge of the law was of immense value to him.

In public life Mr. Crumbie, Sr., has participated actively and constructively, and from time to time has held high official positions. For many years he was the mayor of Upper Nyack, and is president of the board

of trustees for Summit Park Sanatorium, Rockland County. For eighteen years he served as president of the Rockland County Trust Company, now the Nyack Bank & Trust Company, and for more than half a century has been at the head of the Nyack Young Men's Christian Association. Other activities have included long periods as trustee of the village of Upper Nyack; trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Nyack, and prominence in social, business and civic organizations. In wider fields of interest, Mr. Crumbie is a member of the American Scenic and Historical Preservation Society of New York State; of the Medical and Jurisprudence Society of New York City, and is one of the oldest members of the National Republican Club in New York City. He is now living retired from most business activities.

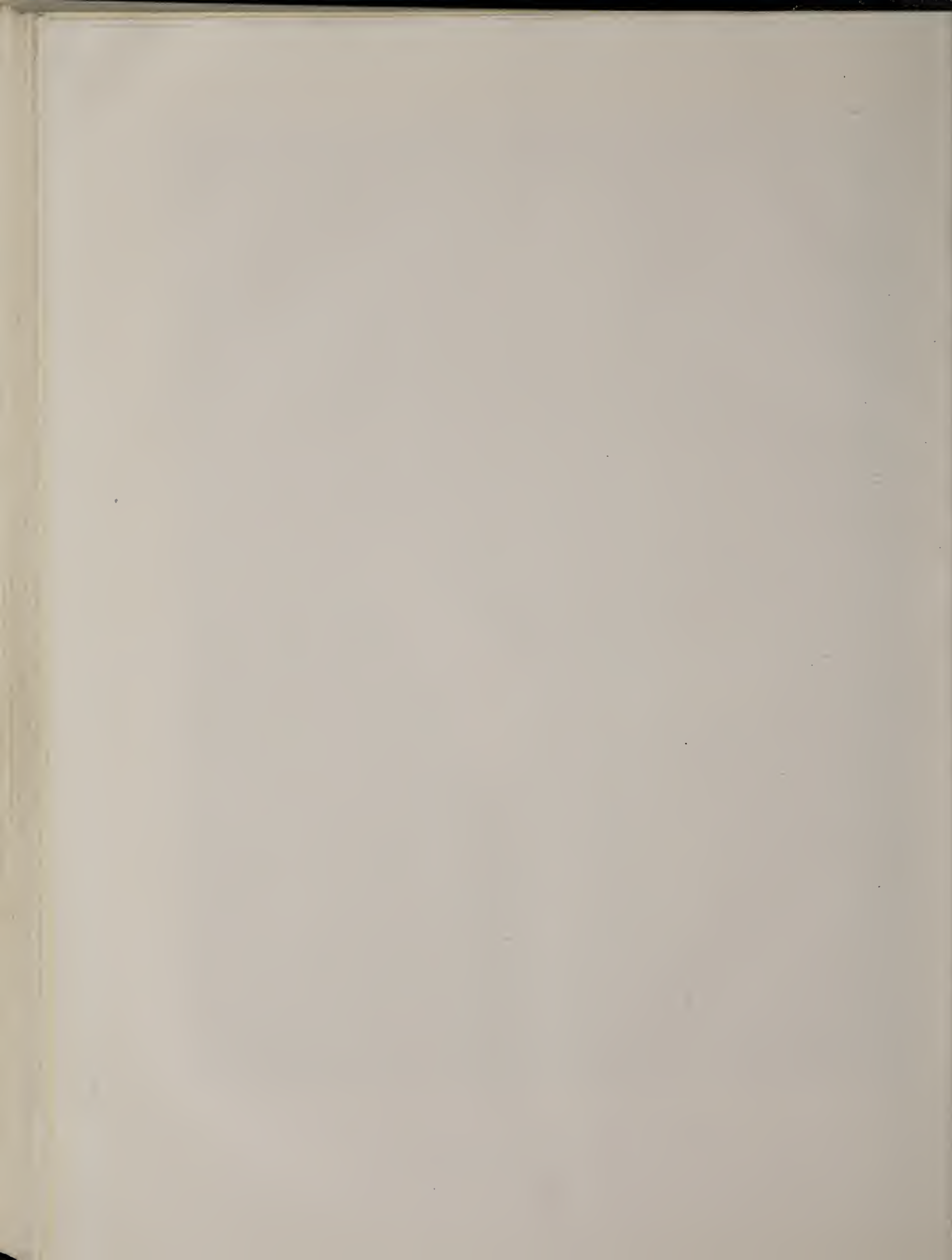
On October 23, 1897, at Nyack, New York, Frank R. Crumbie married Annie S. Towt, granddaughter of John W. Towt. Her uncle, Frank B. Green, was author of a History of Rockland County, published in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Crumbie are the parents of the following children: 1. Frank R., Jr., born at Nyack, October 25, 1900, who received his education at Hotchkiss School and Princeton University. Prior to his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, where he served with the rank of sergeant, he was attached to the Netherlands Information Bureau in South America. Mr. Crumbie, Jr., is a writer of fiction. He married, March 25, 1944, Marion G. Cook of Halifax, Nova Scotia. 2. Mrs. William I. Zabriskie, of Nyack, who is the mother of three children: William I., Jr., Franklin Robert, and Anna (Zabriskie) Mather, mother of George Mather, Jr., and Marcia Mather. Mr. Zabriskie is a lieutenant, senior grade, United States Navy. 3. Mrs. John MacKinney, of New York City.

EUGENE GEORGE VOGEL—Not all of those who become successful in business associated with agriculture are of country birth and background. In Kingston, Ulster County, Eugene George Vogel, a leader in the dairy trade, is a native of metropolitan New York City and was educated there. The date of his birth was July 27, 1892, and his parents were George H. and Barbara (Gaynor) Vogel. His mother is deceased, and his father has retired from active business.

As a young man Eugene Vogel entered the employ of the well-known Dairylea concern at Poughkeepsie, remaining with it for seventeen years. During this period he learned the dairy industry from the bottom up, one of the most important features of Hudson River agriculture. In 1933 he started a dairy of his own in Kingston, which has become outstanding in Ulster County, bottling some twenty-five hundred quarts of milk daily, and employing a number of men. A complete distribution service is maintained which serves customers over a number of routes and a wide area. Mr. Vogel is a member of the New York State Milk Distributors, Inc. The great de-



Frank R. Cummings.



mands upon his time leave Mr. Vogel with little opportunity for memberships in organizations, although he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member and director of the Kingston Bowling Association. He is of the Baptist faith, and generous in the support of religious and charitable projects.

At Poughkeepsie, New York, June 1, 1913, Eugene Vogel married Josephine Rust, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Lucille, who married Leo Everitt, and has a daughter, Jean Barbara. 2. Donald, now in the United States Navy for global war duration. He married Blanche Porter December 19, 1943. 3. Barbara, who married Gerald Conrad, now in the United States Air Force.

MERRICK C. PHILLIPS, D. D. S.—Practicing dentistry in Red Hook, Dr. Merrick C. Phillips has revealed the deepest interest in community affairs. He has taken part in the work of many organizations, and has at the same time concerned himself with fruit farming.

Dr. Phillips was born in 1881 in Red Hook, New York, son of Theodore and Matilda (Coon) Phillips. His father was engaged for many years in farming.

Red Hook public schools furnished Merrick C. Phillips' early formal education. Later he studied at the Philadelphia Dental College, where he was graduated in 1903. In 1901 he completed a course at the Philadelphia School of Anatomy, and was graduated there. It was on June 19, 1903, that Dr. Phillips commenced the practice of his profession in Red Hook, where he continues down to the time of writing. He has earned a merited position as one of Red Hook's leading professional workers, and is esteemed as a member of the Dutchess County Dental Society, the New York State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

Along with his other undertakings, Dr. Phillips is a director of the First National Bank of Red Hook. An independent Democrat in his political views, he has consistently supported the party organization, and has served in public office, notably as a school director of Red Hook. Dr. Phillips is a member of the Business Exchange Club, and in over forty years of membership in the Free and Accepted Masons he has held every office in the local lodge, both elective and appointive. He is a member also of the Garretson Society and the Philadelphia Dental College. He is a past president of the Red Hook Nursing Association and the Red Hook Golf Club, and is a member of the Red Hook Fire Department and an active worker in the Boy Scouts of America. Formerly Dr. Phillips was treasurer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and he is a councilman of the congregation at the time of writing.

In 1903, in Rhinebeck, New York, Dr. Merrick C. Phillips married Harriet Han, daughter of Howard and Esther (White) Han. Her father is engaged in farming

operations. Dr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of a daughter, Helen Phillips, born in 1909, who studied at Syracuse University, and became the wife of Herbert Campbell, principal of the Highland Central schools, and the mother of their three children—Helen, Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Campbell.

WILLIAM J. SCISM—For many years active in the business life of Red Hook until his retirement, William J. Scism interests himself extensively in civic and social affairs in his community. He spends his winters mostly in Miami, Florida, where he has a home.

Mr. Scism was born in 1873, in Livingston, Columbia County, New York, and attended public schools in that community. In early life he was engaged for a time in farming operations. For ten years he was a clerk in a Livingston store. Then, in 1897, he settled in Red Hook, where he bought a small stationery store and proceeded to conduct it. Subsequently he moved into larger quarters, and at that time purchased an entire business block in Red Hook. He built a garage somewhat later, setting his son up in business as proprietor of the garage and retaining thereafter a one-half interest in the enterprise. He still has this garage interest.

Until 1932 Mr. Scism operated the stationery store, then retired from his active endeavors in that connection. Since that time he has spent much time in Miami, at his winter home. Among his other business activities, Mr. Scism has served as a director of the First National Bank of Red Hook over a period of many years. He has figured prominently in the public affairs of the community, too, having been town clerk for two years, assessor for a similar period, and also village president. He is also a trustee of Red Hook Public Library. A Democrat in his partisan alignment, he is active in the organization of the Office of Price Administration in Rhinebeck. He is a past chief of the Red Hook Fire Department, and is a member of the American Automobile Association and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a councilman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and director of buildings and grounds of his congregation. In spare time Mr. Scism enjoys, as a hobby, the breeding of fine horses, and he has several sulky racers. He has a small farm of his own, and likes gardening and landscaping, as well as building things.

In 1897, in Red Hook, New York, William J. Scism married Cassie Kipp, daughter of Edward and Almira C. (Stickles) Kipp. Mr. and Mrs. Scism became the parents of a son, Roy W. Scism, who was born in 1898, attended Red Hook schools, then entered the garage business, as indicated above; he is now a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the American Automobile Association and St. Paul's Lutheran Church; he married Alice Redder, and they make their home with his father.

JAMES A. BENSON—After spending the early part of his life in farming, James A. Benson, of Dover Plains, entered into business there. He was employed for a few years as a bookkeeper, and then established at Dover Plains a general insurance and real estate agency which he has continued to operate successfully to the present time. Mr. Benson has been prominent throughout Dutchess County by virtue of his political activity; he has been a town supervisor representing Dover Plains for a period of fourteen years, and is still serving in this capacity. He has also been connected with other forms of public work, serving on boards and commissions.

Mr. Benson was born at Dover Plains on April 2, 1890, son of George and Carrie (Fry) Benson. His father, who was a farmer, maintained a dairy herd on his three hundred and twenty acres; he was a communicant of the Baptist Church, and was a member of the Democratic party, having served as town supervisor of Dover Plains. George Benson died March 30, 1927.

Growing up at Dover Plains, James A. Benson attended the elementary public school here, and continued his studies at the Amenia High School. He then entered Eastman Business College, where he gained a general foundation in the commercial subjects.

Until 1929, Mr. Benson was engaged in farming at Dover Plains. Then he accepted a position as a bookkeeper, continuing in this work until 1932, when he established at Dover Plains the general business in real estate and insurance which he continues to conduct at the present time.

Since 1928, when he first became a member of the Dutchess County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Benson has been the town supervisor of Dover Plains. He was a candidate for sheriff of Dutchess County on the Democratic ticket in 1939. He was formerly a school director here, and continued in that position for several years. He is a member of the Dover Plains Fire Department, and is a deputy director here of civil defense. His social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. His favorite recreations are travel and reading and study in the historical field.

In 1905, at Dover Plains, James A. Benson was married to Ida Hoag, daughter of Elihu and Ida (Denton) Hoag; her father is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Benson are communicants of the Baptist Church at Dover Plains, in which he is treasurer, and are active together in the affairs of their home community. They are the parents of two children: 1. Lester H., born in 1915, at Dover Plains. He attended public school at Dover Plains, then entered Middlebury College, at which he prepared as a teacher. After seven years as a teacher in the public schools, he joined the United States Army Air Corps, in which he is now in service in Africa, with the rank of first lieutenant. 2. Jeanette, born in 1917, at Dover

Plains. She is a graduate of the Dover Plains public schools, and of Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, New York, at which she qualified as a registered nurse. She has been a second lieutenant in the nursing corps of the United States Army since 1942, and is now stationed at Camp White, in Oregon.

RICHARD FRANCIS RUSSELL—Admitted to the bar of the State of New York in December, 1932, at Brooklyn, this State, Richard Francis Russell has since practiced his profession in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County. He has won repute for his knowledge of the law and its applications, among colleagues and clients.

Mr. Russell is a native of Poughkeepsie, born June 22, 1908, son of Richard H. and Mary M. Russell, his father being a coal merchant. The education of the son of this record, began in St. Peter's Grammar School, and he was graduated from the Poughkeepsie High School. He then attended Georgetown University for two years, prior to transferring to Fordham University, from the law school of which he was graduated with the class of 1930, a Bachelor of Laws. After some office experience, Mr. Russell passed his law examinations in 1932 and, as indicated, soon after established his office and headquarters in Poughkeepsie. While influential in Democratic politics, he has held but one important public office, that of referee to examine accounts of committees of incompetent persons, from 1935 to 1942. The religious affiliations of Mr. Russell are with St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, at Poughkeepsie. As this goes to press he is in the military service of the United States.

On November 23, 1935, at Cohoes, New York, Richard Francis Russell married Eleanor M. McGinnis, daughter of Frank W. and Margaret M. McGinnis, and they are the parents of one son, Richard F. Russell, Jr., born December 5, 1936, at Poughkeepsie.

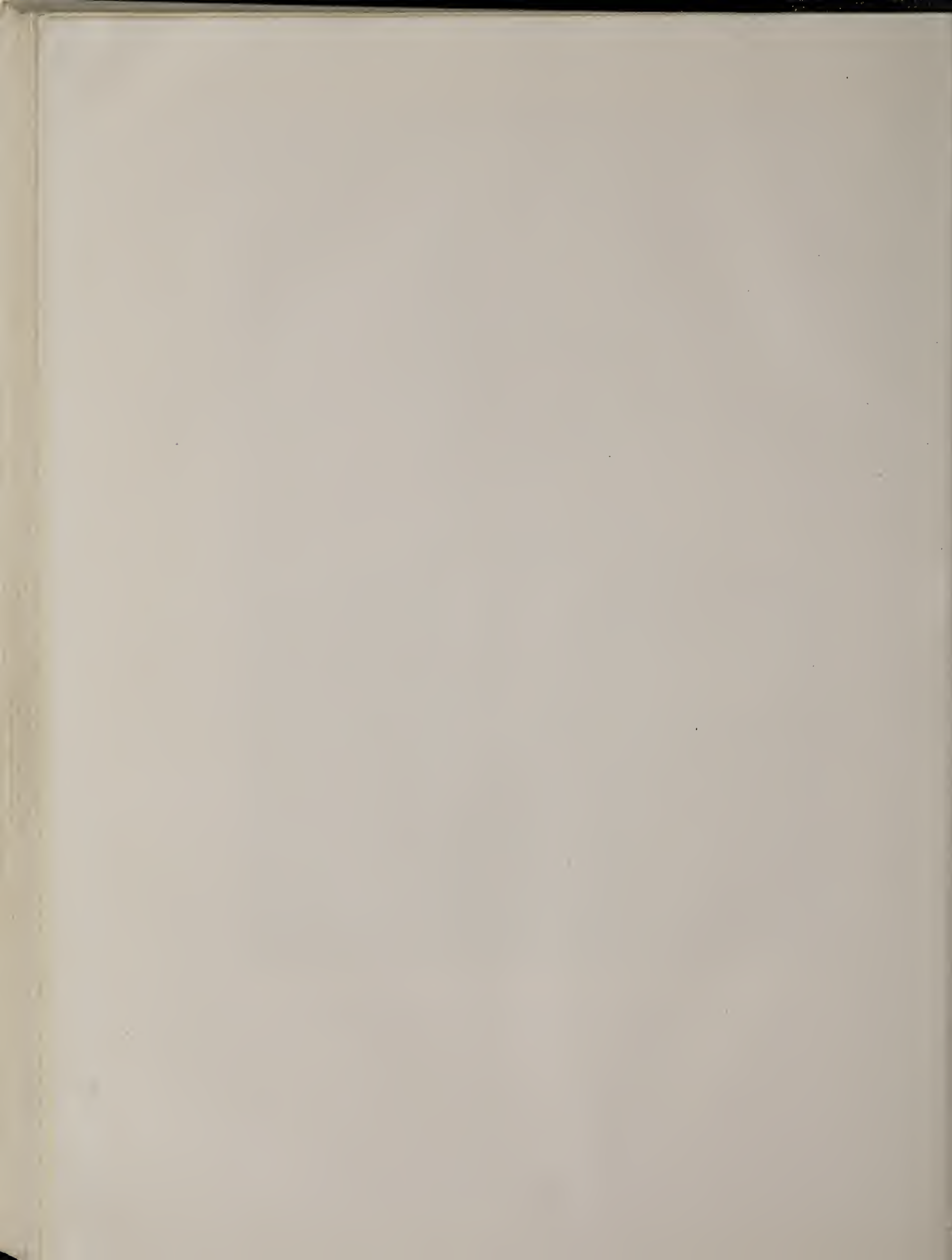
TIMOTHY A. QUACKENBUSH—Carrying forward for many years a successful real estate and insurance business in Monroe, Timothy A. Quackenbush occupies a position of leadership and high standing in his community and among his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Quackenbush was born November 15, 1881, in Paterson, New Jersey, son of Timothy and Anna P. (Allen) Quackenbush. His father, a resident of Paterson, was long engaged in the railway industry. The mother came from Poughkeepsie, New York.

Public schools furnished Timothy A. Quackenbush's early formal education. He was engaged in accounting work in young manhood, and was employed by the Erie Railroad until 1922. He then associated himself with the Orange & Rockland Electric Company, so continuing until 1935. In that year he determined to enter business on his own account, and so formed his own independent real estate and insurance firm in Monroe. This com-



J. G. Quackbush



munity becomes a center, each summer, for the inrushing tourist trade, and some of the wealthy summer residents comprise an important part of the clientele of Mr. Quackenbush.

Operating this business under his own name and continuing as its sole owner, Mr. Quackenbush has long effectively served his fellow-citizens in a variety of ways. He was for several years a justice of the peace in Monroe, and is now supervisor. He has interested himself in Monroe and Orange County affairs, and has delved into local history on an extensive scale. He has a fine library containing much earlier material along these lines, some of it now almost irreplaceable. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has affiliations with both Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templar Commandery, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Timothy A. Quackenbush married, in 1904, Jennie Stager. They became the parents of two children: 1. Timothy A., Jr., graduated from the Drake Business School; he married Louise Hall, and they became the parents of three children—Anna, Timothy A. 3d and Barbara. 2. Marguerite, graduated from the Packard Business School, New York City; became the wife of Morris J. Boone, of Jackson Heights, New York.

E. ROBERTS RICHIE, M. D.—Engaged in a practice of medicine in Brewster, Dr. E. Roberts Richie occupies a position of high standing in the life of his community and district.

Dr. Richie was born February 25, 1877, in Moorestown, Burlington County, New Jersey, son of Edward B. Richie and a descendant of early and strong Quaker stock. He was named after his maternal grandfather, Elisha Roberts, builder of the original Chalfonte Hotel, in Atlantic City, after the Civil War. Edward B. Richie, his father, was a business man, known for his achievement in perfecting and financing the "flexible flyer" sled, popular among American youths, and the "Planet Junior" line of agricultural implements, invented by Samuel L. Allen, his brother-in-law, who also assisted in financing their work and the marketing of these products. Mr. Richie died in 1887 at the age of forty years, a man of sterling integrity, loyal to his family's fine Quaker traditions and holding the high respect of his many friends.

Quaker schools provided E. Roberts Richie's early formal education. In 1896 he was graduated from the Westtown Boarding School, in Westtown, Pennsylvania. He completed his studies at Haverford College, where he was graduated in 1899, then matriculated at the Hahnemann Medical College, in Philadelphia, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1902. He began work in his chosen profession in Moorestown, New Jersey, there remaining until 1911, when he came to Brewster, New York, since then the center of his professional activi-

ties. He has built up here a substantial practice, and has held many positions of importance in medical circles.

Dr. Richie is a member of the Putnam-Dutchess County Medical Society, of which he has been president, and belongs also to the New York State Medical Society and the American Institute of Homœopathy. He is a staff member at Northern Westchester Hospital, in Mount Kisco, and has rendered outstanding service as health officer of Brewster. In 1920 he was appointed district health officer of this State, so continuing for five years. Active in many organizations entirely outside his profession, Dr. Richie is a member of Croton Lodge, No. 306, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In his religious faith he is affiliated with the Society of Friends, being a member of the New York Yearly Meeting of this denomination. During the First World War he offered his services to the government and was assigned to Camp Taylor, Kentucky.

Dr. E. Roberts Richie married (first), in 1904, Anna S. Wood, of Boston, Massachusetts. They became the parents of two sons: 1. Donald Wood, born in 1906, graduated from Haverford College in 1928, took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Hahnemann Medical College in 1932; he married, in 1931, Phebe Hoopes, of Downingtown, Pennsylvania. 2. Robert Yarnall, born in 1908, graduated from the George School, near Philadelphia. Mrs. Anna S. (Wood) Richie died in 1921. Dr. Richie married (second), in 1922, Dorothy Eleanor Dilks, of Richmond, Indiana. They became the parents of four children: 1. Alice Jane. 2. Theodore Hill, deceased. 3. Douglas Hooton. 4. Elizabeth Hooton.

WILLIAM JOSEPH HAGENY—As supervising principal of Haldane Central School in Cold Spring, William Joseph Hageny occupies a position of high standing and respect in his community and district.

Mr. Hageny was born June 30, 1907, in Oswego, New York, son of William and Katherine (Cronin) Hageny. His father was formerly a police captain in Oswego, so serving until his death, which occurred when William Joseph Hageny was still an infant.

Oswego schools provided William Joseph Hageny's early formal education, and subsequently he was a student at Hobart College, there receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1930. In 1932 he was graduated with the Master of Science degree from Syracuse University. Then, entering Columbia University, in New York City, he is at the time of writing completing the requirements there for the doctorate. For many years he has been connected with the Haldane Central School, in Cold Spring, where he was teacher, coach and guidance director before assuming his present duties as supervising principal in 1937.

Wholly aside from his activities in this connection, Mr. Hageny is prominent in different pedagogical organi-

zations. He is a member of the New York State Teachers' Association, the New York State Academic Principals' Association, the Advance School of Education, Columbia University Clubs. Formerly he was president of the Cold Spring Men's Club, and the Cold Spring Lions Club. In spare time Mr. Hageny enjoys outdoor life, being fond of both golf and tennis. Bowling is also one of his favorite sports. Mr. Hageny has devoted considerable attention to writing and is the author of numerous articles appearing in educational publications.

William Joseph Hageny married, January 29, 1934, Mildred Boyce, of Oswego, New York, daughter of Grover C. and Hazel (Stryker) Boyce. Mr. and Mrs. Hageny became the parents of the following children: 1. Jean Katherine, born October 26, 1934, in New York City. 2. Hannah Elizabeth, born September 14, 1940, in Cold Spring.

HERMAN H. DONLEY—For many years active as an educator, Herman H. Donley is supervising principal of Brewster High School and is a recognized leader in Brewster's civic and social life.

Mr. Donley was born September 1, 1889, in Hillsdale County, Michigan, son of William and Matilda Donley. He attended public schools in that Michigan community, where he was graduated from high school, then entered the Colorado State Teachers' College, in Greeley, Colorado, where he was graduated in 1915 as a Bachelor of Arts. In 1925 he received from Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, the degree of Master of Arts. Then, in the autumn of that year, he came to Brewster as superintendent of schools. Serving at the time of writing as supervising principal of Brewster High School, he has done his part in the building up of one of the finest school systems in the State.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Donley has interested himself in a wide range of community activities. A Republican in politics, he is a member of many Putnam County organizations, among them the Brewster Lions Club, of which he is a past president, and the Methodist Church, in which he has for years taken an active rôle. He is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, which he joined in his student days, and belongs also to the New York State Teachers' Association. The civic and social life of Brewster has long intensely interested him, and he has derived great satisfaction from outdoor life and activities. In his own college years he did considerable wrestling and played football, and he has done a great deal, in Brewster and Putnam County, to encourage healthful sports and recreations.

In 1912 Herman H. Donley married Evelyn Stabler, of North Dakota. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Evelyn, wife of Robert Kristeller, supervising principal of schools in Carmel; their children are Sally and Frederick Kristeller. 2. George, who died

at the age of twenty years, in 1939; he was a graduate of Brewster High School, and attended Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Richard A., born in 1922 in Brush, Colorado, graduated from Brewster High School, attended Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, now a naval cadet in the United States Naval Reserve Force, serving his country in the Second World War emergency. 4. Norman, born in 1926 in Brewster, member of the class of 1945 at Brewster High School. 5. Robert, born in March, 1928, in Brewster.

FREDERICK D. FOWLER—For many years Frederick D. Fowler has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Port Jervis. He early adopted the wise policy of becoming a true insurance counselor—"Your Physician on Insurance," as he came to be called,—and many there are who have reason to acknowledge the wisdom and far-sightedness of his advice.

Mr. Fowler was born in Newburgh, New York, December 5, 1879, and attended public schools and the Spencerian Business College there. On October 1, 1910, he came to Port Jervis, where he purchased from the estate of the late Irving Elston the insurance agency established in 1863 by L. E. Elston, a pioneer insurance man in Port Jervis and vicinity. As head of this agency, Mr. Fowler has represented for years some of the oldest and largest old line insurance companies in the United States, adhering always to strictly sound business principles and building up what has come to be recognized as one of the largest agencies in this region. His patrons include many industries and some of the largest property owners in Orange and Sullivan counties, New York, and in Pike County, Pennsylvania.

At all times Mr. Fowler has been deeply interested in public affairs, although he has never aspired to any office. He has served, however, on the board of education of the Reformed Church of America. His main contribution to the community has been in the business sphere. He was largely responsible for the creation of the Hotel Minisink, serving as chairman of the chamber of commerce committee which formulated plans and managed the campaign to finance the new hostelry. He is vice-president of the Coöperative Loan & Savings Society, as well as one of its directors, and is a director of the First National Bank of Port Jervis.

On the side of civic service, Mr. Fowler is a director of the local Young Men's Christian Association, of which he was president for six years, and is now serving as president of the board of trustees. He was a director of the Port Jervis Country Club, a past president and past treasurer of the Port Jervis Rotary Club, a former president of the Deer Park Club, and a leader in a number of insurance organizations. He is a member of the National Association of Insurance Agents, the Insurance Federation of the State of New York, the New York State Association of Local Agents, and the Orange



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County Association of Local Agents (of which he was president for a number of years). He was formerly president of the Port Jervis Association of Underwriters and Realtors. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is an executive committeeman of the Minisink Historical Society and a member of the Port Jervis Country Club. In the Reformed Church of America he has long been active, and he is elder and treasurer of the Deer Park Church, where he formerly served as choir director for nineteen years until his resignation. He is a past president of the Dutch Arms of the Deer Park Reformed Church and was the first president of the Dutch Arms of the Classis of Orange. He is widely known in musical circles, and has been prominent as a choral director and community song leader.

On June 5, 1907, at Newburgh, New York, Frederick D. Fowler married Emma F. Mason, daughter of Alexander Mason, former general steamship passenger agent of the Erie Railroad Company, and Frances (Wilkin) Mason. They became parents of a son, David L. Fowler, who was born September 15, 1917, and who attended Port Jervis High School and Blair Academy, then received the Bachelor of Science degree at New York University in 1940. He is now an underwriter with the inland marine department of the Home Insurance Company, of New York City. He married Edith R. Ronian, of Middletown, Connecticut, granddaughter of the late Senator Ronian, of Rhode Island.

WILLIAM C. SCHRYVER—For many years William C. Schryver has centered his contracting and building business in Kingston, where he has done everything possible to work out designs embodying up-to-date architectural ideas, looking to comfort, convenience and beauty as architectural goals.

The first Schryver who came to America was Albertus, descendant of a family traced to 1482, in Holland, to Kornelius Schryver, ten years before Columbus came to America. Albertus Schryver emigrated from Holland in 1709* and settled on a farm two miles south of Rhinebeck in the Henry Beekman Patent. In the volume, "Historic Old Rhinebeck," it is stated that "five generations of Schryvers have sat in the elders' pew of the Reformed Dutch Church." A Schryver family genealogy has recently (1944) been compiled by George E. Schryver, of Pine Plains, New York.

Mr. Schryver was born July 16, 1877, in Olive, Ulster County, New York, son of Henry and Hannah M. (Winchell) Schryver. His father, born in Kingston, and a lifelong resident of New York State, was a contractor and cabinetmaker until his death in Olive at the age of fifty-three years. The mother, Mrs. Hannah M. (Winchell) Schryver, was born in Olive and died there in 1917. She was a daughter of a pioneer cooper and

farmer of the town. Henry and Hannah M. (Winchell) Schryver became the parents of the following children: 1. John, who was associated with William C. Schryver and who died in 1927; he married Albertina Teas, of Olive. 2. Egbert, born in Olive, associated for many years with a pulp mill until shortly before his death in 1910. 3. George J., born in Kingston, a pioneer automobile dealer here, agent for the Willys-Knight and Whippet lines after 1904; he married Eleanor Young, born in Ulster, and they became the parents of two children—i. Edith M., a landscape architect who studied in Europe. ii. Harry E., associated with his father in the automobile business, married Arzula Rockwell, of Woodstock, New York; and they became the parents of two children— a. Mary Louise. b. Aileen. 4. William C., of further mention.

William C. Schryver attended schools only until he was ten years of age, then was required by family circumstances to leave the classroom in order to assist in the support of the family. He was six years old when his father died. Earning his first money by cutting wood, he received \$3 per cord, after which he worked for three years in the pulp mill. At thirteen he became a carpenter's apprentice, so continuing until he was eighteen years of age, when he joined Chauncey Teas, blacksmith and wagonmaker, as a partner. After four years he sold his holdings to his partner. He then was employed in the West Shore Restaurant, in Kingston, for three and one-half years.

Recognizing his need for technical knowledge if he were to achieve his goal and be an architect and builder, Mr. Schryver studied architectural drawing with a correspondence school. Successful in his studies, he averaged ninety-nine per cent. in his examinations. In 1915, in association with his brother, John H. Schryver, and H. H. Buckley, he bought from Floyd Brothers their lumber yard and mill, which had been operating for years. For eight years Mr. Buckley remained in the business on the contracting side, and for five years he was in the mill; then he withdrew, leaving the firm in the control of the Schryver brothers until 1923. In that year William C. Schryver became the sole owner, continuing thereafter as president and treasurer of the enterprise, which was known as the William C. Schryver Lumber Company, Inc.

In April, 1926, Mr. Schryver purchased thirty-two lots, bounded by four hundred feet on Fair Street, four hundred and twenty feet on Pine Street and two hundred and twenty feet on Henry Street. Here he built thirty-two modern homes, and in the center of the development laid out a street named Schryver Court. In addition to initiating that great project, Mr. Schryver did a great deal of building along other lines. In Kingston he has built more than two hundred fine homes, and he has also done extensive building outside the city limits. At Annandale-on-Hudson he built the St. Stephen's College gymnasium in 1920, a project costing \$90,000, and at Rhinebeck he had

a \$32,000 contract for work on the Vincent Astor estate, requiring one and one-half years for completion. He built there the superintendent's home and the poultry houses, which alone cost \$12,000. He also constructed the Wallkill High School, the Jewish Working Girls' Home at Big Indian, and a large addition to the Poor House at New Paltz, and handled many other contracts for stores, theatres and other types of edifice. Mr. Schryver has traveled extensively all over Europe.

In the Manor Park area of Kingston, Mr. Schryver is one of the strongest influences for upbuilding and local improvement. He has always handled his investments in such a way as to profit from them, and his activities on all sides have been characterized by foresight and sound judgment. He has always developed his own properties. Twenty acres that he formerly owned were purchased by the city of New York for its water supply at a profit to Mr. Schryver. Each year he uses one hundred and twenty-five carloads of lumber, and his yards and mill reflect careful planning and supervision.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Schryver has concerned himself extensively with civic and social affairs. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has affiliations with Scottish Rite bodies and with the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and he also belongs to Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Kingston, the National Dinner Club, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the United Commercial Travelers, and the Northeastern Retail Lumber Dealers Association. He is a member of the Church of the Comforter, a branch of the Dutch Reformed Church.

William C. Schryver married Mary Ellen Brandow, who was born in Kingston, New York. He has two children by a former marriage: 1. Doris E., born July 18, 1909, became the wife, in 1928, of Louis Burns; they have a daughter, Patricia Burns. 2. Donald William, born December 15, 1912, in Kingston, studied at the New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson. He married on October 12, 1937, Grace Virginia Ennis, of Monticello, New York. He is a member of the various Masonic orders including the Shrine.

SARA LASCELLE ODELL—Sara Lascelle Odell, the subject of our sketch, is a native of Tomkins Cove, New York. She received her education in the public school of that place and at the New Paltz State Normal School. After graduation she became a teacher in the Tomkins Cove Public School and has been connected with that institution for many years and for the past seven years has been principal of the Tomkins Cove Grammar School. Miss Odell is also chief librarian of the Tomkins Cove Public Library. Her father was Lascelle Odell, who was an assessor of the town of Stony Point for nine years. He was also a trustee of the Tomkins Cove Public School

for nine years. His family goes back to the Revolutionary soldier Nathan Odell, of Peekskill, New York. Her mother was Elmira Gardner, the daughter of John Derby Gardner, one of the first brickmakers to locate on the river front in Haverstraw, New York. She had one sister, Ivy Melissa, and one brother, Lascelle, Jr., both of whom are deceased.

Through the Lascelles family Miss Odell goes back to Edward Lascelles, who served in the French and Indian War and later in the War of the Revolution on the American side. This Lascelles family came to what is now called Tomkins Cove between 1790 and 1800. At one time they owned sixty acres of land in the northern section of the community. In 1838 they sold thirty acres of the property to Daniel Tomkins and brothers. Lime had already been burnt on this land in 1798 by Robert Love, another member of this same family. Miss Odell's great-grandfather, Edward Lascelles, Jr., was a lieutenant in the War of 1812. For his services his widow received a grant of land, and sold it a few weeks after it was deeded to her. The first services of the Methodist Protestant Church was held in the home of Miss Odell's great-grandmother, Mrs. Edward Lascelles, Jr., whose father, Isaac Tompkins, was of New Paltz, New York. He, also, was a Revolutionary soldier and was present when Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga.

Miss Odell resides in the Odell homestead which was erected in 1850 by her grandfather, Gilbert Odell. Her nephew, Irving Lascelles Odell, the son of Ida Ward Lent Odell and her brother, Lascelles Odell, Jr., live with her.

Gilbert Odell was a steward of the Methodist Protestant Church for about fifteen years. Miss Odell is a member of this church and at the present writing is a steward.

HENRY BOICE CORNELIUS—Since 1933 Henry Boice Cornelius has been proprietor of the funeral directing firm of Carroll-Cornelius, in Rhinebeck. His extensive experience in his profession and in other lines of business management has well equipped him for his present activities in this connection, and he is respected, honored and admired among his fellow-citizens here.

Mr. Cornelius was born October 2, 1881, in Rhinebeck, New York, son of Virtus Haines and Eudora A. (Boice) Cornelius.

Rhinebeck schools provided Henry B. Cornelius' early formal education, and after graduation from Rhinebeck High School he became a student at Spencer's Business College, in Kingston. He prepared himself for his present work in his profession by studies at the Renouard School of Embalming, and then began the active endeavors of his career along these lines. He was for six years associated with the firm of A. Carr & Son, in Kingston, and for twenty-four years he was associated with the firm of William Carroll & Son. The present

firm of Carroll-Cornelius, in Rhinebeck, is performing an important work along these lines, and has been so engaged since 1933.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Cornelius has been a director of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck since 1925. He is a member, vice-president and a director of the New York State Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' Association and past president and secretary of the Second District Funeral Directors' Association, covering Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia counties. He is also a director of the Renouard Association, of Troy, and in 1939 and 1940 was president of the New York State Funeral Directors' Association. He is active in the Dutchess County Society of New York, now serving as its vice-president, and in a number of other organizations. Fraternally Mr. Cornelius is affiliated with Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 162, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 432, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He has been a member of the consistory of the Dutch Arms Reformed Church, of Rhinebeck since 1920. In leisure time Mr. Cornelius enjoys collecting Currier & Ives prints and antiques.

Henry Boice Cornelius married, in July, 1907, Jessie L. Phelps.

HENRY O'HARA—There is a good deal about the career of Henry O'Hara of Brewster, Putnam County, New York, that is reminiscent of some of the outstanding characteristics of the race from which he sprang. Irish forefathers no doubt bequeathed him much of his spirit and enterprise, courage to take the bad with the good without complaining, and the ability to make a livelihood and acquire a competence while still young enough to enjoy life. Down through the years he has tried his hand at a number of vocations, during which he became widely familiar with people and places in his part of Putnam County and neighboring Connecticut. He is a popular figure wherever he goes or has been.

Henry O'Hara was born in the little hamlet of Patterson, Putnam County, May 14, 1879, son of John and Bridget (McManus) O'Hara. Both were natives of Ireland, and both are now deceased. As very young people they migrated to the United States and sought opportunities to work and live in Patterson, New York. They became the parents of ten children, of whom three now survive: James O'Hara, of Brewster; Peter O'Hara, of Patterson; and the subject of this record. The father, John O'Hara, made his way in life as a railroad man with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and as a farmer.

Henry O'Hara acquired the most of his formal education at "The Big Elm School" in the town of Patterson. The rest of his knowledge was gained less from books than from men and life itself. He remained with his father, engaged in agriculture, until he was nineteen years of age, when he rented a place in the township. He operated the "Weed Farm" in Patterson for two

years; and then had the "Haverland Farm" in the same locality for three years.

Mr. O'Hara succeeded well as a farmer, during a period when the country was suffering from what is called a "financial depression." Not satisfied, however, with the progress he was making, he started a livery stable at Quaker Hill in connection with a hotel at Pawling, Dutchess County. After a year he moved to Brewster and opened a livery stable. This was in 1907 and his headquarters were in the Hatch Building in the rear of the present town hall. In about 1913 he removed his livery to the L. A. Shove property, but within a couple of years disposed of his livery business to enter the automobile field, and until he retired in 1923, was from 1914 agent for Ford, Studebaker and Dodge cars.

In 1917 Mr. O'Hara purchased the Shove property which he continues to own, together with many other pieces of property which he acquired with a canny insight and foresight that has stood him in good stead. To his realty and other personal interests he has given his attention since 1923. For sixteen years Mr. O'Hara has been a member of the board of trustees of the village of Brewster, and in the 1930s was elected assessor for the town of Southeast. He worships in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. At all times he has coöperated in movements and organizations that work for the benefit of the community, and he helps liberally both charitable agencies and individuals.

On June 15, 1919, at Brewster, New York, Henry O'Hara married Mary E. Creighton, born in the town of Southeast, daughter of James and Mary (McNulty) Creighton. Mrs. O'Hara is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brewster Fire Department. Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara are the parents of two children: 1. Henry Harding, born in Brewster, November 2, 1920, a graduate of the public and high schools of Brewster. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, September, 1942, as a gunner, and attained the rank of sergeant. He was a photographer. On November 18, 1943, his family received the sad news that he was missing in action over Norway. 2. Rita L., born at Brewster, September 11, 1925; a graduate of grade and Brewster High School, class of 1942, and also a graduate from a photographic school in New York City.

HENRY F. BLESSING—For many years active in the professional and civic life of Pawling, Henry F. Blessing is one of this community's leading practitioners of law.

Mr. Blessing was born January 1, 1871, in Albany County, New York, son of Henry F. and Jeannette (Hays) Blessing, of that county. His father was engaged in farming. Public schools furnished the younger Henry F. Blessing's early formal education, and he later studied at the New York School of Law, where he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in that year, he commenced the practice

of his profession in 1912 in Pawling, and soon became one of the leading members of the Dutchess County bar. For several years he carried on his practice in association with a Mr. Downing. Then, in 1923, he admitted to partnership with him another prominent Dutchess County lawyer, Henry P. Murphy. The two men together conduct a general law practice down to the time of writing, and Mr. Blessing is widely and favorably known in his profession and in the ranks of Pawling citizenry.

In addition to carrying on an extensive practice, Mr. Blessing is president of the Pawling Savings Bank and a director of The National Bank of Pawling. He served as postmaster of this community under Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Warren G. Harding. During the World War period of 1917-18 he served on several boards and committees which were active in prosecution of the war time program. Fraternally Mr. Blessing is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a Past Master of his lodge in the Free and Accepted Masons and a Past District Deputy of the order.

In 1901, Henry F. Blessing married Catherine Cronin, of Seneca Falls, New York, who died in 1934.

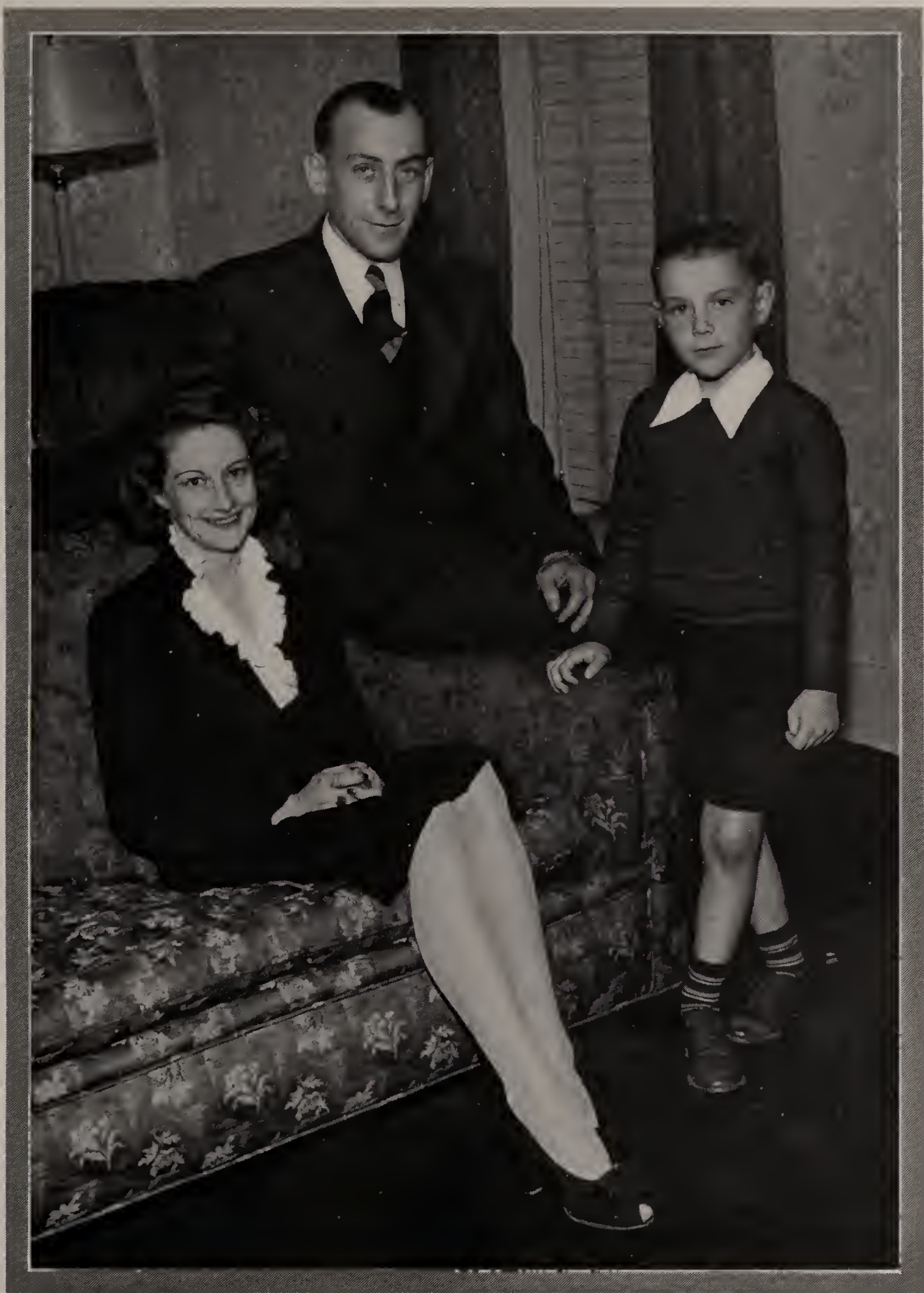
ARTHUR B. BYRNE—As general manager in charge of all operations of the monument manufacturing house of Byrne Brothers, in Kingston, Arthur B. Byrne fills a responsible position in the life of this city and its environs. The firm is an old one, soundly established and widely known, and is now being operated by the second generation of the family to be engaged in this line of business.

Mr. Byrne was born March 28, 1911, in Kingston, New York, son of James and Mildred (Van Leuven) Byrne and member of an old and noted family. His father was one of three brothers who laid the rudiments for the present firm of Byrne Brothers. The three brothers, James, Matthew and William Byrne, established the initial monument making plant at Broadway and Henry Street, Kingston, on July 19, 1900. In the early days their polishing plant was operated in the old hay press factory of D. B. Hendricks, in Cornell Street, but it was later removed to the present quarters in Broadway. The three founders of the business were highly skilled in their craft, and won a merited reputation as outstanding merchants in their field. Through their perseverance and hard work, the firm became one of the largest of its kind in eastern New York State, growing from small beginnings. Matthew Byrne, the eldest of the three brothers, died in 1915, after which the two remaining brothers carried forward the partnership until the death, in 1939, of James Byrne, Arthur B. Byrne's father. William Byrne, the third brother disposed of his interest in the business, which is at the time of writing being conducted by the second generation—James P., Arthur and David Byrne—each of whom has demonstrated his thorough acquaintance with the business.

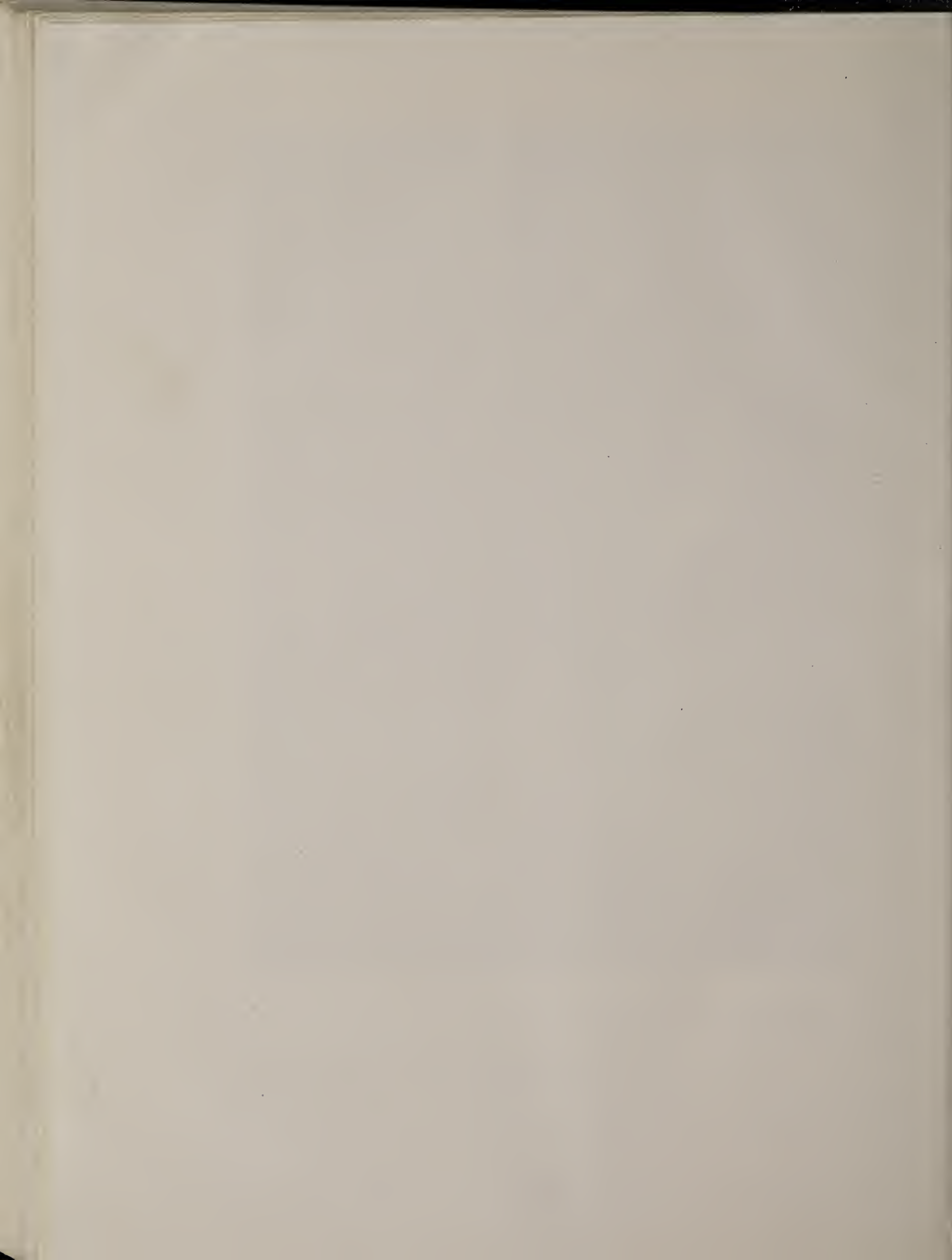
Each of these young men has served his years as an apprentice, and each now has a hand in the management of the business. James and David Byrne are serving in the army. Arthur B. Byrne attended public schools in Kingston, and later studied at a business college. He served his apprenticeship, like the others, in the monument and memorial manufacturing business established by his father and uncles. Passing through the different grades of service, he has risen, by virtue of ability alone, to his present place as general manager of the organization. Byrne Brothers is the only firm between New York City and Albany which purchases granite in the rough state from the quarry in carload lots and manufactures the finished product in its own plant. More than fifteen states are drawn upon for supplies of granite and marble, the basic raw materials used by Byrne Brothers, and in more recent years several European countries have been called upon to furnish materials likewise. In the beautiful showroom of the Byrne Brothers firm may be found, juxtaposed to one another, the finest Vermont marble, granite from Minnesota, importations from Finland or Scotland and numerous other products. The firm has the exclusive franchise for Rock of Ages granite and Cold Spring granite. Expert artists are engaged for the carving of names and designs on the monuments produced by the Byrne organization, this work being done by a pressure and sandblasting technique of the most up-to-date sort. The firm's products are shipped throughout the eastern and northern states. Some outstanding achievements have been the J. Waldo Smith memorial at Ashokan Reservoir, the Austin R. Newcombe canope exedra in Catskill, the John A. Murray Colonnade in St. Mary's Cemetery, and mausoleums for Sister Fontanella of Catskill, Captain John Nicholson, Anthony Gentile (all in St. Mary's Cemetery), Leon Shelby in Red Hook, Marblestone Mausoleum in Wiltwyck Cemetery, Anthony Orlich in Rhinecliff, John Baldwin in New Paltz, and the Harry Flemming Statue Memorial in Montrepose Cemetery. Most of the plant equipment of the Byrne Brothers organization is worked by air pressure, and a large crane is used for lifting purposes. Aside from Mr. Byrne's work as general manager and the activities of the other members of the Byrne family, a notable contribution is made to the firm's success particularly by Marie Leahy, who has been associated for years with the management of the Byrne Brothers offices.

Arthur B. Byrne, the general manager of this business, also takes a deep interest in the life of his community, belonging to many local organizations and taking his full rôle in civic work. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

On January 25, 1944, Mr. Byrne was inducted into the United States Army and is now serving in the infantry in France. During Mr. Byrne's service in the



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army the business is being conducted by his wife, Helen (Rew) Byrne, and Marie Leahy.

In 1934 Arthur B. Byrne married Helen R. Rew. They became the parents of a son, Robert P. Byrne, who was born June 26, 1936.

THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—The Academy of Our Lady of The Blessed Sacrament is located at Broadlea, Goshen, New York, in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains. The academy is about sixty miles from New York City. By its location, the school reaps the advantages of a short distance from New York and Jersey City, together with the beauty, freedom, and healthfulness of country life.

The campus consists of an area of three hundred sixty-eight acres of rolling country, in addition to the lawns, tennis court, running stream and large recreational fields.

The purpose of the foundress, the Rev. Mother M. Suso, Mother-General of the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, was to provide a select boarding school where the daughters of Catholic parents could secure a liberal systematic and practical education under the auspices of that church which holds in her keeping age-old traditions of learning and culture. Children of any denomination may be admitted, provided due compliance with the general regulations of the academy is rendered.

The doors of the academy were first opened in a very humble way in September, 1929, with an enrollment of seventeen girls. The board of trustees petitioned the University of the State of New York, educational department, for a charter; and each year, after inspection from the State department, a charter was granted for said year until 1933, when a complete senior charter was granted to the little academy.

The year 1932 saw the birth of the elementary department which is housed in St. Thomas Aquinas Hall. Ten years later, in 1942, a commercial department was added and has for its home Our Lady's Annex. The academy is now complete with academic and general courses as well as a commercial course. The elementary department follows the syllabus of the Catholic School Board.

During the fourteen years since it was opened, that is 1929-43, Sister Mary Thomasina, O. P., Ph. D., was principal and teacher in the academy high school department. It was through her earnest and self-sacrificing efforts that the academy made such strides of progress and received its charter from the University of the State of New York. Sister Thomasina had the whole-hearted coöperation of Sister M. Cornelia, sister of Mother Suso, religious superior of the convent. In 1943, Sister M. Columba superseded Sister Cornelia as Superior, due to Canon Law regulations, and Sister Daniel superseded Sister Thomasina as principal.

Like all institutions of any value, the academy has had both days of sunshine and days of sorrow. On the evening of August 30, 1932, at about seven o'clock, fire broke out in the newly remodeled Broadlea Hall. The building was completely destroyed. We are thankful to be able to say that not one life was lost nor injury caused by the fire; since it was still the vacation holiday, no students were in the building. But that sorrow had its silver lining, as there now stands on the self-same spot the fireproof Broadlea Hall.

The happy, wholesome, hospitable home life is a distinguishing feature of the school. The girls are surrounded by only such restraints as should exist in every home, when daughters are carefully trained in habits of order, punctuality, and courtesy. The aim of the faculty is to encourage habitual self-control, rather than to enforce formal obedience. All agree that when self-respect and self-control on the part of the students are assumed, reasonable regulations seldom fail to secure careful observance.

The religious life, an important factor in the life of every girl, is made a part of every activity of the day. The social life is varied in character and has for its chief aim a training to accept responsibility and to gain poise and self-assurance, as well as to offer educational and recreational interests.

The academy provides in its organization for twelve years of regular work—eight years in the pre-academic or elementary department at Saint Thomas Aquinas Hall; four years in the academic department with the academic and general courses in Broadlea Hall; and the commercial department in Our Lady's Annex.

SAINT ALBERT'S PREPARATORY COLLEGE—A Carmelite Monastery, Saint Albert's Preparatory College is located on the outskirts of Middletown, in the township of Wallkill, Orange County, New York. It was founded in 1918 by the Carmelite Fathers. The first Carmelite Fathers of the present New York province had come to America from Ireland in 1889 to administer spiritual aid to the patients of Bellevue Hospital and to take charge of a parish in New York City. During the years that followed the work of these priests expanded to include parishes in the Bronx, Tarrytown, Otisville, and Middletown. At the same time many American boys evinced a desire to share in this work, and to offer them an opportunity to do so, the Carmelites in 1918 purchased the Countess de la Cortina estate in Middletown to be used as a preparatory seminary. Since that time adjoining property has been purchased and additional buildings have been erected to fill the needs of the growing monastery.

The property bought was originally owned by Nathaniel Conklin. He sold it to Charles Booth, who in turn sold it to Louise and Freeman Wheeler. They were suc-

ceeded in ownership by Carl M. Mabee who split up the property. One section he sold to Romer Gray, brother of Zane Gray the author, and the other to a newspaper man named Horace Corey. Corey was well known in local affairs through his publication of a weekly paper known as "The Forum." After his death the property passed into the hands of James J. Wallack, who was engaged in the theatrical business in New York. Locally he staged plays in the Stratton Theatre in Middletown. With his passing the property came into the possession of the Count de la Cortina.

In the present college applicants for the Carmelite Order are received and given their preliminary training in regular high school and college subjects. Upon the completion of their preparatory training the students are admitted into the Novitiate where they are trained in the fundamentals of the religious life. Here the novices learn to join their voices to the world-wide and never-ending chorus of priests and religious chanting the praises of God in the Divine Office. Here, too, they are schooled in the principles of the religious life, in the practice of meditation and the virtues.

Upon the completion of this year of probation, those novices who are approved and who wish to continue in the religious life are sent to Whitefriars Hall, the Carmelite House of Study attached to the Catholic University in Washington, District of Columbia. Here six years are given to the study of philosophy and theology, before they are raised to the priesthood.

Besides conducting Saint Albert's Preparatory College, the Carmelite Fathers in Orange County have in their care the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, mission chapels in Otisville, Bloomingburg, Bullville, South Centerville, the chaplaincies at the Middletown State Hospital, the Otisville Sanatorium, and the New York City Reformatory at New Hampton. They are also the acting chaplains at St. Theresa's Guest House, a home for the aged, and at the Ursuline Academy, both in Middletown.

GEORGE H. SMITH—One of the oldest undertaking firms in Ulster County is that conducted by Seamon Brothers, Inc. Like most of the early concerns of its kind, it was founded as an adjunct to a furniture store, in Saugerties, New York. For almost forty years this long established business has been in the possession of James Smith and his sons, and operated by them with a service that has given every convenience that could be required of its operators. Since 1928 this firm has been carried on by George H. Smith and his brother, Harry J. Smith, whose biography follows.

George H. Smith is a native of Saugerties, New York, born on September 4, 1883, son of James and Katheryn (Bernhardt) Smith. After attending the schools of his

birthplace, he entered the Cincinnati School of Embalming, from which he was graduated in due course with its diploma. His father had been an embalmer with Seamon Brothers, and the son joined the older man who had purchased the furniture and undertaking business in 1904. Upon the death of the father, in 1928, George H. Smith and his brother, Harry J. Smith, took over the firm, and since have maintained a most excellent funeral home, equipped completely with the most modern motor cars and other requirements that serve clients with the utmost skill. The old trade name has been retained. Aside from his vocation, Mr. Smith is influential in local life. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Blue Lodge and Catskill Chapter, No. 285, Royal Arch Masons, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member of the official board.

At Saugerties, New York, in 1905, George H. Smith married Susie Smith.

HARRY J. SMITH—As the younger member of the partnership with his older brother, Harry J. Smith has been equally successful in the operation of the very old firm of Seamon Brothers, Inc., that their father purchased some four decades ago. The two young men became associated with the older man, and have carried to new heights the repute and service of this long established enterprise.

Born in Saugerties, New York, December 3, 1890, Harry J. Smith is the son of James and Katheryn (Bernhardt) Smith, both now deceased. He was educated in local schools and, as indicated, joined his father in the undertaking and furniture business, and since 1928 has been associated with his brother, George H. Smith, in the operation of one of the best equipped funeral homes in Ulster County. The long familiar name of the firm has been retained, Seamon Brothers, although it has been nearly forty years since any of the original founders have been connected with the business. A record of the company and its activities, under the head of George H. Smith, accompanies this biography. Enough to relate that the Smith brothers have proceeded with their services in the best tradition of their elders and maintain one of the best funeral homes in Ulster County.

Harry J. Smith figures actively in the life of Saugerties where he has been known and popular since youth. His organizational connections are few, but this in nowise indicates a lack of interest in community welfare and progress. He is a member and vestryman of Trinity Church, and contributes to local religious and humanitarian projects.

On June 21, 1916, Harry J. Smith married Sarah C. Rogers.



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FRANK J. McCARDLE—Well known for many years in Rosendale, Ulster County, New York, Frank J. McCardle has been engaged in an undertaking business here for almost two decades. Born in the city of Kingston, he is the son of Samuel and Rose (Cullen) McCardle, both of whom are now deceased. His father was connected with the New York Central Railroad System for the most of his life.

After completing his formal education in the Kingston grade and high schools, Frank J. McCardle was variously employed before starting a motor car rental business. In 1924, after attending the Renouard School of Embalming and receiving its diploma, he became a funeral director in Rosendale. This was in 1924, and down through more than twenty years he has maintained a fine funeral home kept always abreast of the time with equipment, especially that of the motorized type being of the finest. Mr. McCardle is prominent in civic affairs, in the municipality and county, and since 1940 has been the coroner of Ulster County.

HARRY J. BEATTY—Dairying is one of the most substantial industries of rural New York with Ulster County being one of its best districts. Forty years ago Harry J. Beatty came with his father, John H. Beatty, who appreciated the suitability of his native section, and co-leased one of the oldest farms in the county and inaugurated a dairy enterprise. Since 1903 he has added to his holdings, operating them as The Beatty Farms.

Mr. Beatty is a native of New York, born in the town of Esopus on April 10, 1889, son of John H. and Grace (Griffin) Beatty. After completing his education, he became identified with dairying, being hardly more than a boy at that time. He liked the vocation he had chosen, and has continued active in it since with most successful results. He leases a large acreage of land suitable for his business, and engages in every phase of the milk trade from production to distribution. His herd of milch cows numbers about eighty head and he bottles and distributes about one hundred and eighty thousand gallons of milk annually. Some thirteen people are employed and in addition there are a number of men who handle the trucks making deliveries.

Mr. Beatty has been a serious student of the dairy industry over a period of four decades and is one of the recognized authorities on this subject. His advice is constantly sought by new and old dairymen, and he is especially helpful to youths who are considering the question of entering this field of endeavor. Mr. Beatty is a member of the Rotary Club of Kingston, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and the Commercial Travelers of America. He attends the St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

At Kingston, New York, on November 20, 1917, Harry J. Beatty married Helen J. Griffin, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Edna, who married Severin Hasbrouck, and is the mother of two children, Mary Jane and Severin, Jr. 2. Harry J., Jr., a graduate of Rensselaer College, now serving in the United States Army Signal Corps.

JOHN J. PERROTT—A biographical review of the life of John J. Perrott might well begin with the founding of an undertaking business far more than half a century ago, and the gradual development of one of the finest funeral homes in the Hudson River Valley section, at Newburgh. He was one of the earliest of the morticians licensed in New York State, and remained well to the fore in his vocation throughout a long life. He was fortunate in living to see both his son and a grandson associated with him in his endeavors.

John J. Perrott was a native and lifelong resident of Newburgh, New York, born in 1866, son of David and Sarah (Fife) Perrott, both now long deceased. In 1890 he initiated an undertaking business at Washington and Johnson streets, Newburgh, which later was removed to a remodeled building at No. 157 Broadway. In 1917 he was joined by his son, David John Perrott, of whom further, and since 1935, the firm has been located at No. 1 Grand Avenue, in this city. Here is situated one of the most spacious and attractive funeral homes, which serves to fulfill a community obligation rendered by members of a family of outstanding practitioners of modern mortuary science.

John J. Perrott was identified with a wide variety of public and private interests—civic, business, fraternal and social. In former days when the volunteer fire department was not only a useful servant of the municipality, but somewhat a social organization, he became a member of the old Ringgold Hose Company, and hauled its cart to local fires and in competition at the various firemen's conventions that were so popular then in the Hudson River Valley cities, and elsewhere. He was long a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association of Newburgh, was a popular figure in the chamber of commerce and the Brookside Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Prominent in fraternal organizations, he was district deputy of the Knights of Pythias, after having been a member of Olive Branch Lodge for several years. Other fraternities of which he was a member were Highland Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mount Olive Encampment of the Odd Fellows; Newburgh Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Modern Woodmen of America; Newburgh Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose; Camp 13, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and Muchattoes Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. He worshipped at the Church of the Good Shepherd over a long period and was liberal in his support of charitable and religious projects.

John J. Perrott married Mary Powell, and they were the parents of a son, David John Perrott, whose record follows this review.

On February 26, 1942, at the age of seventy-five years, John J. Perrott died. None who knew him well, and he had a host of friends and acquaintances, but mourned his passing and cherish his memory.

DAVID JOHN PERROTT—The son of a pioneer mortician of Newburgh, New York, David John Perrott is a veteran in his vocation, for he became associated with his father in business and has been identified with one of the intimate, personal and highly essential services of the community. Like his father before him, he is a native of Newburgh, born there on June 30, 1898, son of John J. (*q. v.*) and Mary (Powell) Perrott.

He rounded out his formal education with courses in the Spencer Business College, where he majored in business administration, and the noted Renouard School of Embalming, New York City. In 1917 he joined his father in business and became the head of the concern in fact if not in name, prior to the demise of the older man. For a number of years Mr. Perrott has been the president of Perrott's, Inc., one of the foremost establishments of its type in Southeastern New York, and is an expert of extensive training and experience as a mortician.

Among the business connections of David John Perrott in Newburgh is with Burger's Furniture Store, Inc., of which he is president, and he is vice-president of the Perrott's Realty Company. His professional memberships include those in the National Funeral Directors Association, the Orange and Rockland County, New York, Funeral Directors Association, the New York State Funeral Directors Association, and Perrott's, Inc., holds exclusive membership in the National Selected Morticians. Mr. Perrott belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Newburgh, having served as president, and the Powelton Club, and is a member of the American Horse Shows Association. He likewise is a director of the city Young Men's Christian Association, serving as chairman of its athletic committee, and long since joined the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society. In politics he is a Republican, with little regard to party labels, although always a supporter of good men and progressive measures. He attends the Church of the Good Shepherd, Protestant Episcopal. Fraternally, Mr. Perrott is affiliated with Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons; Highland Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons; Hudson River Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar, and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Lodge No. 247, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Newburgh Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 133, Knights of Pythias, the Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Veterans Association.

On August 1, 1917, David John Perrott married C. Evelyn Pope of Newburgh, daughter of Thomas and Carrie (Irvin) Pope, and they are the parents of three children: 1. John J., II (*q. v.*) 2. Mary Evelyn, born March 9, 1920, who married W. Hugh Whitehill, and is the mother of a son: David Hugh. 3. Carolyn Pope, born in 1922, now associated with her family in Perrott's, Inc.

JOHN J. PERROTT, II—Son of David John Perrott, head of Perrott's Inc., outstanding morticians of Newburgh, and grandson of the founder of this exceptionally old firm, John J. Perrott, II, is a member of the third direct generation of the family to be associated with this concern. A well trained funeral director and experienced in modern mortuary practice, he promises to carry further the traditions and endeavors of his family, when once the present global war comes to an end and he is mustered out of the United States Navy.

John J. Perrott, II, was born in Newburgh, New York, August 23, 1918, son of David John Perrott (*q. v.*) and C. Evelyn (Pope) Perrott, both natives of this city. After attending the grade and high schools of his birth city, John J. Perrott, II, entered Bryant College, Providence, Rhode Island, where he majored in business administration and economics, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then went to the famous Renouard School of Embalming, New York City, in preparation for the career he had chosen to follow. He was the third successive generation of his family to be graduated from this institution, his grandfather being one of the earliest in his vocation to receive a State license.

Mr. Perrott, II, became associated with Perrott's Inc., and soon was named vice-president and secretary of the corporation and also of Burger's Furniture Stores, Inc., located at 26-28 Water Street in Newburgh. Burger's was established in 1896 and is one of the largest furniture stores between New York and Albany. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Newburgh Rotary Club. As of the present writing, 1945, he is serving in the United States Navy, for the duration of World War II.

John J. Perrott, II, married, March 15, 1940, Barbara Dennis, of Montclair, New Jersey, and they have a daughter, Barbara Jill.

DAVID CRAFT—In Mahopac Falls, David Craft is widely known as the Chevrolet dealer and is highly esteemed for his many-sided contribution to community life.

Mr. Craft was born May 10, 1880, at Crafts, Putnam County, New York, son of Howard E. Craft, a native of that same Putnam County community, and grandson of William Dean Craft. The Craft family has lived in Putnam County for more than two hundred years, having long been successful farmers. Howard E. Craft ran a general store in Crafts, taught school when only seventeen years of age, and, along with his store, which he



David J. Perrott.



John J. Perrott II

conducted for forty-five years, operated the local post office. He served many terms as justice of the peace, and was active in the work of the First Baptist Church of Carmel. The Rev. David Craft, D. D., an uncle of David Craft, of this review, was a brilliant clergyman and scholar, author of a history of Putnam County and chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic from its inception in 1866, after having served throughout the Civil War. He was a gifted civil engineer and an authority on Putnam County's boundaries.

David Craft attended district schools in the vicinity of Crafts, his Putnam County birthplace, and was a student at the Gahnville School there. In 1899 he became associated with the New York Central Railroad, so continuing until 1906 in the railroad's electric lighting department. He then became a power plant engineer, and acted in that capacity in different places throughout the United States until 1930. Among his other duties he was consulting engineer to the Fuel Engineering Company, of New York. He returned to Mahopac Falls in August, 1930, here purchasing the Chrevolet dealership and the property connected with it. He continues in this position down to the time of writing.

In Mahopac affairs Mr. Craft has for years been prominent. A Republican in politics, he is a member of Carmel Baptist Church. He is also an active fraternalist, belonging to Mount Olivet Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Following in the footsteps of his father, who was naturally gifted as a mathematician, Mr. Craft is a man of many intellectual and scholarly interests. In spare time he enjoys also the out-of-doors, particularly such healthful sports as baseball and fishing, and he derives considerable satisfaction, too, from motoring.

David Craft married, on October 1, 1913, in Flushing, Long Island, New York, Margaret Breeze, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Podmore) Breeze. Her father was a native Englishman, but lived in Troy, New York, for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Craft became the parents of a son, David C. Craft, who was born September 30, 1915, in Flushing, Long Island, and was graduated from Mahopac High School. David C. Craft, the son, is associated at the time of writing with the eastern aircraft division of the Pratt-Whitney Company, in Hartford, Connecticut. He married Jennie Bleakley, of Peekskill, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Bleakley, of that place. They became the parents of two children: 1. David C., Jr., born in October, 1939, in Peekskill. 2. Arthur Bleakley, born July 30, 1942, in Mahopac.

JAMES SUTER—After being associated with various industries prior to 1929, James Suter joined the Rondout Paper Mills, Inc., at Napanoch, Ulster County, of which he has since been secretary and a director. This important corporation was organized in 1925, and is owned by Kelly & Company, of Newark, New Jersey. The chief product of the concern is tissue paper; about

a hundred people are employed, and distribution is national in scope.

Mr. Suter was born October 1, 1903, in New York City, son of Frank and Clara Suter, his father being a musician. The son of this record was educated mainly in Caldwell, New Jersey, and was variously employed until 1929, when as indicated, he became associated with the Rondout Paper Mills, Inc., at Napanoch. Mr. Suter is active in local life and affairs, and is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

James Suter married Mildred Mae Poulson, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Frederick, attending Notre Dame University. 2. Shirley.

JAMES F. DWYER—Over a long period the Hudson River has been one of the busiest of streams in the United States in its transportation traffic. Among the outstanding men connected with this business was the late James F. Dwyer of Kingston (Rondout), who was identified with almost every phase of river freighting, from the handling of canal boats and barges, to their construction in Rondout shipyards and modern operation. In middle life he had the pleasure of having his son, James A., join his enterprises and fit himself to carry them on after the death of the older man.

James F. Dwyer was a native of Kingston, New York, born May 26, 1859. As a youth he became a boatman on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, one of the most important water highways of its day. He was still very young when from 1876 to 1887, he conducted a barge and lighterage business into Canada. In 1887 he founded a ship chandlery establishment that has since remained in the trade. At the turn of the century, Mr. Dwyer, together with two brothers, inaugurated a concern to engage in the harvesting, storage and sale of natural ice along the Hudson, their principal houses being located at Steep Rocks, Ulster Landing, and Athens, New York. In 1909 they took over a brick-yard at Steep Rocks, and a second one at Ulster Landing, which they operated until the early 1930s. In 1903, James F. Dwyer established a shipyard at Kingston, which for forty years has built various types of river craft. From 1910 to his death he was a director and from 1924 until his death in 1943, was president of the Rondout National Bank.

As indicated, all the above enterprises have been continued down to the present time. One not mentioned was the gradual accumulation of barges and similar freight craft for bulk cargo transportation on the Hudson River. This freighting business has been developed into a size that is larger than any other concern in the river trade.

In 1887, James F. Dwyer married Ann Hughes, and they became the parents of seven children: Joan M., who married Mr. Goldrick, and has one daughter, Nan; Marjorie, who died in 1939, had two daughters, Leola and Mary; James A., of whom further; Thomas S., married Eugenie Moran, and they are the parents of four chil-

dren: Thomas, Eugene, Denis and Dorothy; John who is now serving in the United States Army with the rank of captain; William J.; and Helen, who married Mr. Kelleher, and is the mother of four children: Margaret, Catherine, Denise and Maureen.

James A. Dwyer, born at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, was educated in city parochial schools, the Kingston High School, and the Catholic University, at Washington, District of Columbia. Joining his father in business, he was vice-president of all the Dwyer companies prior to the demise of the founder, and is now serving as president.

James A. Dwyer married Mary Falvey, and they are the parents of six children: James, Elizabeth, Ann, Peter, Margaret, and Rose Mary.

ANDREW J. ANDERSON—Those familiar with the southwestern area of Ulster County can readily understand why it retains its hold upon its native sons, such as Andrew J. Anderson, cashier and member of the board of directors of the Kerhonkson National Bank. He was born at Kerhonkson, New York, in 1907, son of Henry M. and Caroline (Gillespie) Anderson, both of whom are now deceased. The older man was a banker and merchant in this part of Ulster County, well known and greatly respected.

Andrew J. Anderson completed his academic education in Kerhonkson and Ellenville grade and high schools and, having chosen to make a career of banking, pursued courses in this phase of finance in several schools. His first and only employment has been as a banker, starting in a minor capacity and progressing to his present post of cashier of the Kerhonkson National Bank. Popular with the clients of this institution, his advice is sought and followed not only in the realms of finance, investment and the like, but in numerous other fields of human interest. He is president of the Kerhonkson Board of Education, is a member of the Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is of the Methodist Episcopal faith, and prominent in religious and humanitarian movements and organizations.

In 1930, at Kerhonkson, New York, Andrew J. Anderson married Blanche Merry.

FRED C. GRIDLEY—A man of ideas, energy and exceptional abilities, Fred C. Gridley has been over a number of years a substantial citizen of Walden, New York. Born within a few miles of this fine Orange County town, he never found it necessary to go to distant places in the pursuit of success. For twenty years he has been the owner of his own furniture and undertaking business, which he developed from very small proportions to one of the largest and best in the Walkill Valley. In more recent years he has been joined by his two sons.

Mr. Gridley was born at Montgomery, Orange County, on November 27, 1884, son of Emmet and Mary (Johnston) Gridley. His mother was a native of Pine Bush, New York. Emmet Gridley has been a prominent figure in Montgomery affairs, a former road commissioner, influential in community life. His son, of this record, learned the engraver's trade and for three years was an employee of the New York Knife Company, at Walden. Then for a short time he was a grocery merchant. There followed seventeen years of experience in the furniture and funeral directing business with T. L. Millspaugh, of Walden.

In 1923 he established his own concern under the name Fred C. Gridley, starting with a small store. This he later sold, but he had built up such a sound reputation and good will in Walden and the Walkill Valley that it marked a new beginning rather than the end of his venture. Mention has already been made of him as a man of ideas ability and energies. One of the features of his services as a funeral director is the presentation of a memorial book, containing a suitable tribute and space in which to record everything in connection with the obsequies. Another of his unusual procedures is to give, at the conclusion of business accounts, a metal box suitable for the safe keeping of records, documents and valuable papers.

Mr. Gridley is a member of the Rotary Club, of the Orange County Funeral Directors Association and the New York State Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Walkill Lodge, No. 627, Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1912, Fred C. Gridley married Edith S. Lane of Middletown, New York, daughter of Thomas Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Gridley are the parents of three children: 1. Courtland C., who is associated in the furniture and undertaking business with his father, and is a licensed embalmer and funeral director. 2. Emmet, 2d, who was associated with his father and brother in business, and is now serving in the United States Navy overseas. 3. Marion.

ARTHUR B. EWIG—All the career of Arthur B. Ewig has been identified with the city of Kingston, Ulster County, New York. He has served capably in several public offices and has been constructive and active in the promotion of the best interests of the municipality.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, October 1, 1903, Mr. Ewig is the son of William and Regina (Pasternak) Ewig, his father becoming a prominent manufacturer in Ellenville, New York. After completing his academic education, mainly in the grammar and high schools of New York City and Ellenville, New York, he matriculated at the Fordham University, College of Law, from which he was graduated with the class of 1924, a Bachelor of Laws. During the following year he was admitted to the bar of New York State and initiated a general practice of his profession in Kingston, Ulster County. In 1933, he



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became associated with John M. Cashin (*q. v.*) to found the firm of Cashin and Ewig, his partner being the present county judge and judge of the Children's Court, Ulster County.

Mr. Ewig is a former county attorney for Ulster County and a former transfer tax attorney of the New York State Tax Department. He is at present corporation counsel for the city of Kingston. Professional memberships include those in the Ulster County Bar Association, which he served two terms as its president, and the New York State Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of B'nai B'rith.

In 1929, at Kingston, New York, Arthur B. Ewig married Mahnya Seidlin, and they are the parents of two daughters: Joan M. and Barbara Clair Ewig.

FRANCIS D. ANDREWS—In Ellenville, Francis D. Andrews is cashier and a director of the Home National Bank. He has a wealth of experience in the conduct of business and financial affairs, and his service to this region of New York State has been many-sided and useful.

Mr. Andrews was born June 6, 1889, in Ellenville, New York, son of George F. and Minnie F. (Fuller) Andrews, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a president of the Home National Bank.

Public schools of Ellenville provided Francis D. Andrews' early education, and after graduation from high school here he attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, where, in 1911, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He became connected with the Port Henry Iron Ore Company, in Port Henry, New York, remaining with that organization until 1923. He then came to the Home National Bank, in Ellenville, where he has continued down to the time of writing, now being cashier of the institution and one of its directors.

In addition, Mr. Andrews is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a steward and an active worker in the Methodist Church in Ellenville.

In Ellenville, New York, in 1914, Francis D. Andrews married Mary E. Ver Nooy. They became the parents of three children. 1. Dorothy, wife of Thomas A. Hennessy, and mother of their two children, Thomas A., Jr., and Kathleen Mary Hennessy. 2. Ethel, wife of Franklin L. Hyatt, sergeant in the United States Army Signal Corps, and mother of their daughter, Mary Frances Hyatt. 3. Julia Margaret, a cadet nurse at Syracuse University.

WILLIAM FRANCIS EDELMUTH—As mayor of Kingston since January 1, 1942, William Francis Edelmuth has performed a highly important and valuable work in this city and has directed its affairs in such a way as to distinguish himself as a capable administrator and public official.

Mr. Edelmuth born November 29, 1893, in New York City, son of Isidore and May Edelmuth. His father was engaged in theatrical advertising work.

Public School No. 9, of New York, provided William Francis Edelmuth's early formal education, and after studying at Brooklyn High School he became a student at the Alexander Hamilton Institute, New York City. He then entered upon a business career in which he became eminently successful, serving as a traveling representative of different interests. More recently he has given his energies almost wholly to public service, serving for three years as commissioner of public welfare in Kingston and then being elected mayor.

While administering the affairs of the city with the efficiency characteristic of him, Mr. Edelmuth has retained his deep interest in business affairs, and is a director of the Rondout National Bank. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, and is a past exalted ruler of his lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and treasurer of the State Elks' Association in New York State. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the New York State Association of Police Chiefs. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

On August 17, 1918, in Kingston, New York, William Francis Edelmuth married Mary R. Garbarino, daughter of Joseph and Susie Garbarino.

HAROLD L. WOOD—All of the life and career of Harold L. Wood, president of the Huguenot National Bank, of New Paltz, Ulster County, has been identified with New Paltz. He was born here in 1881, son of Calvin and Mary (Silkworth) Wood; and was educated in local schools. After completing his formal education, he entered the employ of the above named bank and the years since have not been marked by any breaking of this first tie. Other members of this financial organization lived long and prospered, so that promotions came slowly, and only as they were thoroughly well earned. After serving in practically all the departments of the institution, in 1940 he was elected its president. He had been a member of the board of directors for some years.

President Wood is widely known for sound judgment, breadth of interests and understanding of human character and aspirations. He has helped many young men and women to attain their ambitions, and to win success in the battle of life. Without ever neglecting the responsibilities of his office, he has contributed constructively to town affairs. He is a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and of the Men's Club of New Paltz. He is also a member of the board of education of the Central School District. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is liberal in his support of religious and charitable works.

At New Paltz, New York, in 1922, Harold L. Wood married Helen Ackerman.

WILLIAM ZIEGLER—Practically the whole of the business career of William Ziegler, of Saugerties, Ulster County, has been associated with banking. Like others of his generation, he served with the military forces of the United States during the First World War, acquitting himself well overseas. By a turn of circumstances, Mr. Ziegler, a native of Saugerties, had entered a bank in this city some years ago, but almost immediately went to Ohio and not until 1942 returned to his home community as cashier and a director of the First National Bank & Trust Company, with which he had been connected for a short time nearly a quarter of a century ago.

As indicated, Mr. Ziegler was born in Saugerties, New York, in 1896, son of William and Jeannie (York) Ziegler. His father, now deceased, was a popular restaurateur, the owner of a well-known establishment. The son was educated in Saugerties schools, and had begun making a livelihood when he enlisted in the United States Army for World War I service, and spent many months with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. When he was returned to America to be honorably mustered out of the service, it was with the rank of sergeant. His experience overseas proved helpful in his understanding of, and useful civilian activities during, the present global conflict.

William Ziegler became a potential banker when he secured employment in the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Saugerties. Within about a year, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was with the Guardian Trust Company for fourteen years. Then for a decade, Mr. Ziegler was comptroller in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in Cleveland. In November, 1942, he received a pressing invitation to come back to his native Saugerties to be cashier and a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank & Trust Company. The invitation was accepted and he has since been a most popular official of this institution. Mr. Ziegler is a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1926, at Cleveland, Ohio, William Ziegler married Margaret Leide, who died in 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler were the parents of three children: Marjorie, Jane and William Charles Ziegler.

HARRY WELLS—If it were a custom of the people of Saugerties to name its "First Citizen" the majority vote would be cast for Harry Wells. A native of this section of Ulster County, born on the estate that was owned by his mother's family since 1790, he became an expert agriculturalist and with the years an outstanding figure in the field of finance. For the past dozen years he has been president of the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Saugerties. He has not only made major contributions to the prosperity and progress of this part of Southeastern New York, but in a hundred

ways has used his influence and power to promote social welfare and community improvements.

Harry Wells was born in the town of Saugerties, New York, on July 14, 1873, son of Fred F. and Martha Jane (Freligh) Wells. His birthplace was the "Freligh Farm" which, as already indicated, has been in this family since shortly after the end of the Revolutionary War. The boy learned something of the hard work involved in farming, and did not lose either his love of the soil, or courage in the face of the financial "panics" of young manhood, when agricultural products sold at levels that made a livelihood from the land exceedingly difficult to gain. He wrested success from agriculture, however, and was well under forty years of age when he became a director of what is now the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Saugerties, in 1908. Since 1932 he has been the exceptionally effective president of this institution, a banker of far more than local reputation. In 1917 he was elected a trustee of the Saugerties Savings Bank, and since 1935 has been president of this institution.

His talents and public spirit have frequently been drafted by the municipality, and over long periods Mr. Wells has served as a town trustee and likewise a trustee of the Saugerties School District. From a number of former memberships in civic, business and social organizations, he has withdrawn in more recent years, although fraternally he remains affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher bodies of the order including the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and an elder of the Reformed Church. Religious and charitable works receive his generous support.

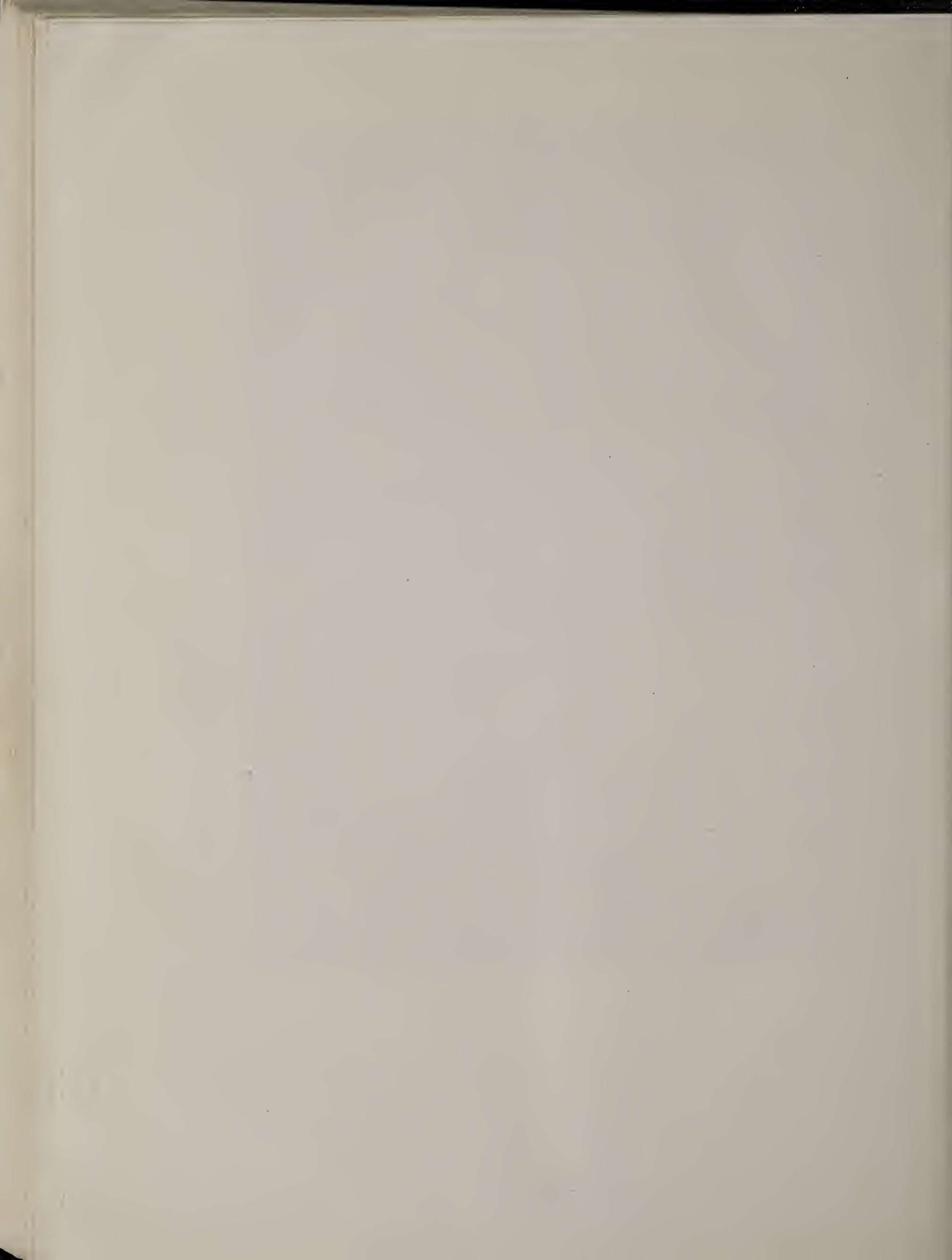
In 1898, at Saugerties, New York, Harry Wells married (first) May Fiero, and they became the parents of two children: Frederick F., who now operates his father's farm; Mary, who died in 1920. Mr. Wells was married (second), on August 9, 1944, to Katharine Hasbrouck Lasher, a daughter of Clarence and Edith (Hasbrouck) Lasher, of the town of Saugerties.

WILLIAM F. BENEDICT—Among the outstanding citizens of Middletown, Orange County, William F. Benedict is notable for his presidency of one of the oldest granite and monumental industries in this section of New York, his State-wide prominence in Masonry, and for progressive citizenship.

He was born at Wurtsboro, New York, May 26, 1881, son of William F. and Catharine (Gumaer) Benedict, both of whom are now deceased, his mother passing away in 1920. William F. Benedict, Sr., a native of Wurtsboro, was long one of the business men of this section of New York. In 1902, he bought from Oscar E. Owens a monumental and granite business, one of the oldest concerns of its kind in this part of Orange County.



William J. Benedict



After receiving his education in the public schools of Wurtsboro, New York, William F. Benedict joined his father in the operation of the concern under the firm title of William F. Benedict & Son, and although the company was incorporated, the title is continued to this day. After the death of the older man in 1916, William F. Benedict and his mother carried on the business, until her death in 1920. Since this time Mr. Benedict has been the sole head and directing force of this company, serving as president and treasurer.

He is a member of the Middletown Club, the Rotary Club, and a thirty-year member of Wallkill Engine Company, No. 6. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Midland Chapter, No. 240, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; Commandery Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander; Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which he is a life member. He is a life member and Past Commander of the Commandery of the State of New York and honorary member of the Hudson River Commandery, No. 35, at Newburgh, New York, and was Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York for New Mexico.

William F. Benedict married Ida L. Webber, of Reading, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Webber and Hannah Webber.

EDWARD F. REILLY—As sole owner and proprietor of the P. J. Reilly Funeral Home, founded by his father, Edward Francis Reilly occupies a position of high standing in business circles in Middletown. He has taken a lively interest in community affairs, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Reilly was born September 20, 1906, in Middletown, New York, son of Patriek Joseph and Mary (Dougherty) Reilly and member of an old and noted family. His grandparents on the paternal side of his house were Edward and Dora (Connors) Reilly, both natives of Ireland, who came to the United States on a honeymoon trip, intending to return to Ireland, but found that they liked the New World so well that they chose to remain. Edward Reilly purchased land in Orange County, where he was engaged in farming operations until his death, February 12, 1878. His widow, Edward F. Reilly's paternal grandmother, died in 1923. Their three sons were Philip, Thomas and Patriek Joseph Reilly.

Patriek Joseph Reilly, Edward F. Reilly's father, was born December 16, 1870, in Middletown, New York, attended schools there, clerked in a store until 1889, then started the undertaking firm of Dougherty & Reilly, a partnership that lasted ten years. After eighteen months with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, he founded a funeral chapel and home at No. 33 Railroad Avenue, Middletown, where it remains today. He also

established New York City offices at No. 140 East Fifty-seventh Street. He remained at the head of the business until his death, June 1, 1943. He was for many years an active member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. For six years he was supervisor of Ward No. 1 in Middletown. He married, November 15, 1894, Mary Dougherty, who died January 13, 1928, daughter of Michael and Etta (Brennan) Dougherty, of Middletown, and also of Irish ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly became the parents of four children, three of whom died in infancy.

Edward F. Reilly, the surviving child of the four, attended both public and parochial schools in Middletown, and at the age of seventeen years was graduated from the Ursuline Academy. Afterward he attended the Charles C. Renouard Embalming College, in New York City, where he completed his course in 1928. He then became associated with his father in the operation of the P. J. Reilly Funeral Home, in Middletown, assisting the elder man for a number of years until the founder's death in 1943. Edward F. Reilly then became sole owner and head of the P. J. Reilly Funeral Home, and so continues down to the time of writing.

At the same time Mr. Reilly takes a deep interest in civic affairs in his home community, being a past president of the McQuaid Fire Engine Company and a leader in other organizations. He is a member and past president of the Orange and Rockland Funeral Directors' Association. Politically he is a Democrat and a staunch supporter of his party. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1097, and the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree; is a member of Middletown Lions Club, and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Edward F. Reilly married, August 24, 1939, Bertha K. Mongan, of Middletown, New York, daughter of Alfred J. and Mabel (Herman) Mongan. They became the parents of a daughter, Loretta Jo, born July 26, 1940.

JACOB O. HAWVERMALE—After a pattern of life that is usually thought typical of the English people, Jacob O. Hawvermale eventually became a citizen of Nyaek, Rockland County, a successful business man and leader in a number of local civic and social activities. He was born in West Virginia, January 31, 1878, a son of Jacob C. and Emily F. Hawvermale, and was reared on his father's farm and attended district schools.

Jacob O. Hawvermale was a school teacher in West Virginia, before he began a career that took him to distant parts of the Western Hemisphere. Becoming associated as a young man with the British American Tobacco Company, Ltd., he represented that corporation for fourteen years in St. Johns, Newfoundland, in the north; Venezuela, in South America, and at Costa Rica, Panama, Jamaica, Trinidad, and probably other places in Central America and the West Indies. It was a startling change

of direction indicative of his adaptability, that in 1914 he became identified with the Worsfold Hardware Company, of Nyack, New York, as a partner and active member in this enterprise. In 1922, he came to Nyack to settle permanently, and in 1925 the firm name became Worsfold & Hawvermale, Inc., with headquarters at Main and Franklin streets, in this vigorous Rockland County community. As is well known in this section, the concern deals in all sorts of hardware, tools, house wares, paints, builder's supplies, heating and plumbing, sheet metal products, water systems and plumber's supplies. In its field the firm is supreme, and even under war conditions renders quick and comprehensive services to a large clientele.

Mr. Hawvermale has long entered actively many local groups and coöperated with town projects, civic and humanitarian. He is a popular former president of the Nyack Rotary Club, and a well beloved figure in the chamber of commerce. He attends the Nyack First Presbyterian Church and his favorite recreation is golf. As might be expected, Mr. Hawvermale is exceptionally well informed concerning international events and history, an authority on the countries south of the United States, and keenly interested in better relations with these nations.

Jacob O. Hawvermale married Sadie Haskins, of New York, and they are the parents of a son, Harold O., born May 25, 1917, at St. Johns, Newfoundland. He attended the grade and high schools of Nyack, and is a graduate of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, class of 1939; he married Hope Coffey, of Nyack. Harold O. Hawvermale enlisted for service in World War II, and now (1944) holds the rank of first lieutenant, 673d Battalion, Field Artillery, United States Army.

HARRY BARNEY SMITH—Throughout what undoubtedly is the most interesting period of American progress, Harry Barney Smith has been identified with banking in Goshen, Orange County. More than a third of a century ago, he became associated with the Goshen Savings Bank as a young man with some experience in the real estate business in his native town of Chester, New York, and in Brooklyn. In lean and fat years in business he has won reputation as a financier, eventually as the president of the substantial institution he had entered as a teller in 1906. Few men are better or more favorably known in Goshen; none has taken a more constructive interest in local affairs. On June 12, 1869, he was born at Chester, Orange County, New York, son of Dr. Charles Parshall Smith and his wife, Susan Barney (Randolph) Smith, his father a physician and surgeon, who served a wide area and large clientele with exceptional skill and devotion.

After being graduated from Chester Academy and the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, Harry Barney Smith began making a livelihood as a telegraph

operator with the Erie Railroad Company, the Lehigh & Hudson Railroad and the Western Union Telegraph Company, at Newburgh. Later for about a year he ran a real estate and insurance business in Brooklyn, before removing his establishment to Chester, New York, continuing along this line for several years. Mr. Smith then accepted a position with the A. V. D. Wallace Insurance office in Goshen, remaining there for six years. In September, 1906, he became connected with the Goshen Savings Bank, at Goshen, as bookkeeper and teller. For years he has since served this bank as president and treasurer.

Down through the years Harry Barney Smith has been active in the civic, fraternal and social affairs of the communities in which he has lived. At one time he was clerk of the board of trustees of the village of Chester, New York. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge of Goshen, and Chester Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Chester. He is a member of the Goshen Social and Athletic Club and is a trustee and former treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church.

On October 23, 1899, in New York City, Harry Barney Smith married Frances Houston, daughter of Samuel and Emily (Crissey) Houston.

ELWOOD ROBERTS—Like many another native born son of Chester, New York, Elwood Roberts is one of the important citizens of the county seat of Orange County, Goshen. He engaged in several types of business before he entered the field of title searcher, and he has risen to the top in this vocation. Few men have so high a reputation in this exacting work; none excel him in skill, dependability and integrity.

Mr. Roberts was born January 28, 1886, son of Sylvanus and Emma (Lewis) Roberts, his father being a machinist for many years. After being graduated from Chester High School, Elwood Roberts attended the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie. At the age of twenty years he became connected with the dining car department of the Erie Railroad, remaining until 1907, when he was transferred to the auditing department of the Erie Railroad coal department, where he was employed until January 1, 1911. Mr. Roberts then was index clerk and search clerk in the Orange County Clerk's office at Goshen, New York, from January 1, 1911, to September 1, 1917. Since the latter date he has engaged in title searching business.

Mr. Roberts is a trustee of the Goshen Savings Bank, and a director of the Goshen Savings & Loan Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Goshen Lodge, No. 365, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Master in 1921.

In New York City, April 21, 1923, Elwood Roberts married Alice A. Bailie, daughter of William J. and Hannah (Brown) Bailie.



— Le Roy D. Horn

HARRY S. SHORTER—One of the remarkably large number of men born near the turn of the century in Middletown, New York, who have returned there and established themselves in business and the professions, Harry S. Shorter, the widely-known Orange County optometrist, is well satisfied with his choice of the city as the seat of his practice and home. He learned something of Europe as a soldier in the First World War, and after receiving his degree spent a number of years in the Middle West as an optometrist. In 1924 he returned to Middletown and has since been actively identified with its life and progress.

Harry S. Shorter was born in Middletown, New York, November 21, 1895, a member of prominent families of Southeastern New York. After being graduated from the grade and high schools of his birth city, he went to Columbia University, New York City, where, in 1920, he was graduated with a degree in optometry. In the meanwhile, however, his studies were interrupted by the entrance of the United States into World War I, for he enlisted in the United States Army in 1917, and was not mustered out of the service until 1919. He had been overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and had earned the rank of sergeant.

Beginning the practice of his profession at Litchfield, Illinois, he remained here until 1924. In the latter year Harry S. Shorter opened offices in Middletown, and subsequent years have brought him a large clientele drawn from far beyond the bounds of the town. He has always kept abreast of the latest developments in his profession and with colleagues all over the country. He was a director of the New York State Optometric Association, is a former president of the Hudson Valley Optometric Association and a member of the National Optometric Association.

Sound, constructive citizenship has been a characteristic of Harry S. Shorter and he is identified with many local movements and organizations. He is a Republican in party politics, although it has had little to do with his memberships on the Middletown Board of Education, of which he is a former president. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the American Legion, of which he is a past commander. Other memberships include those in the Middletown Club, the Excelsior Fire Company, the chamber of commerce, and the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown, of which he is an elder.

On March 26, 1921, at St. Louis, Missouri, Harry S. Shorter married Ethel Grimes, daughter of Charles and Anna (Oliver) Grimes. During World War I, Mrs. Shorter served overseas as a United States Army nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Shorter are the parents of four children: 1. Samuel S., born January 28, 1922, who, prior to his enlistment in the United States Army was a sophomore at Temple University Medical School. 2. Mary Anna,

born August 10, 1923, died May 23, 1933. 3. Ethel G., born January 22, 1930. 4. Nancy Lou, born November 13, 1931.

LE ROY D. HORN—For many year active in the lumber and coal business in Port Jervis, the late Le Roy D. Horn headed the firm of Horn's Lumber & Coal Company until his death. He was an outstanding figure in local business life, and his activity in civic and social affairs earned for him wide admiration and confidence. His accomplishments were many-sided and constructive, and his numerous friends will long remember his service to individuals and organizations, as well as to the community as a whole.

Mr. Horn was born August 17, 1883, near Carbondale, Pennsylvania, son of Philander and Phoebe Barber Horn. His father was engaged in the coal business.

After completing his formal education in the public schools, Le Roy D. Horn entered this same business, in which members of his family had long been active, and he was a foremost leader in lumber trade circles throughout his own active career. The business now known as Horn's Lumber & Coal Company was founded in 1868 by Le Roy D. Horn's great-uncle, Hiram Horn, in Port Jervis. Dealing in lumber and coal, the firm made substantial and satisfying headway under the founder's guidance, then under that of Philander Horn, who took it over after Hiram Horn's death. Philander Horn, in turn, left it to his son, Le Roy D. Horn, who afterward admitted his son, William L. Horn, into the business as a partner. The name then continued for some years as L. D. Horn & Son, and the business was operated as a co-partnership. Father and son met death in an accident, however, whereupon the business was incorporated in the summer of 1941 as Horn's Lumber & Coal Company, with Mrs. Cordelia (Baker) Horn, Le Roy D. Horn's widow, as president, their daughter, Lois E. Horn, as secretary and treasurer, and James MacAlla, as vice-president.

The firm, which is one of the oldest and most soundly established business houses in this district of New York State, supplies the greater portion of lumber and coal needed by residents throughout an area within a fifteen-mile radius from Port Jervis. In addition to his service as senior partner of L. D. Horn & Son in the later period of his career, Mr. Horn took a deep interest in the affairs of his community. He was a street commissioner in Port Jervis, and for some years was an alderman-at-large. He belonged to the Kiwanis Club and other local clubs. He was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and attended the Reformed Church.

He married Cordelia Baker, of Jermyn, Pennsylvania, daughter of Walter Baker and Jane Lewis Baker. They became the parents of three children: 1. William L., born May 10, 1904, graduated from Port Jervis High

School in 1922, and then graduated from Eastman Business College; in April, 1936, he married Dolores Corwin, of Port Jervis, and they became the parents of two children, one son, Lanny, and one daughter, Billie-Lee. 2. Ethel M., a graduate of Syracuse University, married Louis E. Ehrhard; they became the parents of two children, one son, Louis, and one daughter, Lois. 3. Lois E., attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York.

The death of Le Roy D. Horn, June 17, 1941, was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret wherever he was known. His accomplishments were outstanding, earning for him the confidence and affection of his fellow-citizens in a wide circle of acquaintance. He will long be affectionately remembered by friends in all walks of life.

WILLIAM E. CROSS—Connected practically throughout his entire business career with Clemson Brothers, Inc., William E. Cross is recognized as one of Middletown's leading business men and public-spirited residents. This company produces hack saw blades, band saws and lawn mowers, which it ships to practically every country in the world, and is credited with being the largest organization of its kind.

Mr. Cross was born October 7, 1886, in Chester, Pennsylvania, son of Dr. George D. and Rhoda Esther (Howard) Cross. His father, a noted oculist, died in 1903.

William E. Cross attended public schools, and early associated himself with Clemson Brothers, Inc., of which he is now vice-president and treasurer. So closely has his career been tied with the development of this industry that no story of him is complete except against the company background. The Clemson company was founded in 1879 at Middletown by G. N. and Richard W. Clemson for the purpose of manufacturing hack saws. They did not begin actual manufacturing operations, however, until 1883, and then only on a small scale. The original inventor and patentee of the first hack saw blade for this enterprise was G. N. Clemson, one of the original partners in the business. Until 1917 they carried on operations as Clemson Brothers. The business was then incorporated as Clemson Bros., Inc., and has been so styled down to the time of writing. G. N. Clemson was made president, and R. D. Clemson was vice-president. Mr. Cross was made secretary and treasurer at that time.

In 1897 the Clemson company erected a large factory on Cottage Street, one of Middletown's foremost modern productive industries. Later additions were made to meet manufacturing needs from time to time, until at the time of writing the organization occupies many thousands of square feet of floor space and employs more than one hundred and fifty people. It distributes its products—hack saw blades, band saws and lawn mowers—to all parts of the world. The president at the time of writing is Richard D. Clemson, who has succeeded his father in this position. Mr. Cross continues as vice-president and treasurer. R. W. Canfield is secretary. Charles H. Dun-

ning and T. De Witt Vander Voort are directors, as is also William A. Schrade, so appointed in 1941.

In addition to his work with this company, which has been highly important to Middletown and its people, Mr. Cross was in general charge of NRA organization in Middletown in 1933, and he is at the time of writing chairman of the Orange County War Finance Board. Formerly he was president of the Young Men's Christian Association in Middletown for sixteen years. He has never sought political office for himself, but is an active worker for the betterment of conditions educationally and socially in Middletown and is one of this community's highly substantial citizens. Mr. Cross is a member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the board of trustees of the Universalist Church.

William E. Cross married, February 3, 1910, Frances M. Clemson, daughter of George N. and Elizabeth (Dow) Clemson, of Middletown, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Cross became the parents of the following children: 1. Frances Elizabeth, wife of T. DeWitt Vander Voort and mother of their three children: Dorothy Cross, Frances Claire, and Thomas De Witt, Jr. 2. Dorothy C., who is now deceased. 3. Georgine, wife of Charles H. Dunning. They have three children: Georgine Beakes, William Cross, and Charles H., Jr.

JOHN D. KERNAN, M. D.—Engaged in a practice of medicine and surgery in West Nyack and New York City, Dr. John Devereux Kernan is widely known throughout southeastern New York State.

Dr. Kernan was born January 9, 1878, in Utica, New York, son of John D. and Kathleen (Peebles) Kernan. His father was a lawyer in Utica and New York, and the mother was a native of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

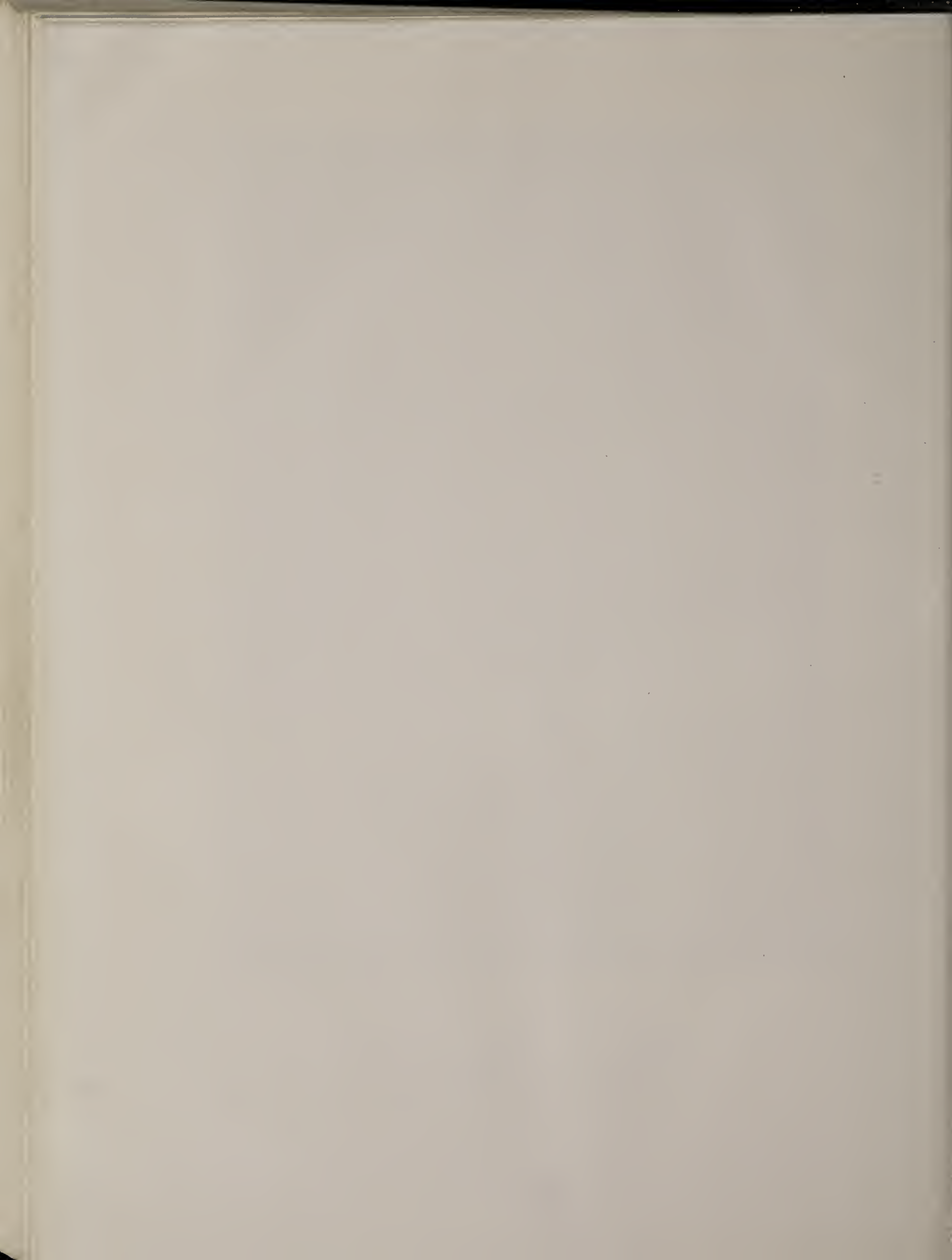
Utica Free Academy provided Dr. John D. Kernan's early formal education, and he later studied at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College, then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, in New York City, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. In 1903 and 1904 he served an internship at Presbyterian Hospital, New York, and early in his career he took up ear, nose and throat work as his specialty. At the time of writing he is actively engaged in practicing his specialty of otolaryngology, and is director of this service at Presbyterian Hospital, and professor of Otolaryngology in Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is a member of the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Society of Laryngology and American Society of Otology.

A man of many interests and activities, he enjoys farming as a spare-time hobby and recreation. He was a member of the National Guard of the State of New York in 1895 and 1896.

In Lee, Massachusetts, in 1907, Dr. John D. Kernan married Charlotte Sherrill, daughter of Horace D. and



Wm. L. Horn.



Edith (Stuart) Sherrill. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charlotte, born in New York City. 2. Rosemary, born in New York City, became the wife of Major Charles Christie Hill, killed in action while overseas with the Canadian Army during the Second World War; he attended Loyola College, Montreal, was graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, then was a partner in the law firm of Hill and Parker, in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, until he entered the service; he was a grandson of Sir Charles and Lady Fitzpatrick, of Quebec. 3. John, born in New York. 4. Paul, born in New York, now deceased. 5. Robert, born in Auburn, New York, became a captain in the United States Air Forces during the Second World War. 6. Henry, born in Utica. Doctor and Mrs. Kernan also have two grandchildren—John Kernan 3d and Linda Hill.

MARIANO B. AMODEO—As one of the younger group of Poughkeepsie professional men, Mariano B. Amodeo has not only progressed rapidly in the practice of law, but is prominent in political, social and religious organizations in the county seat of Dutchess County. A native of this city, he was born in 1912, son of Dan-nano and Giacomina Amodeo, his father, a substantial citizen, being engaged in a contracting business at the time of his demise.

Mr. Amodeo began his education in the public schools of his birth city, and became a student at Fordham University, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1939, a Bachelor of Laws. That same year he entered the offices of Surrogate Judge Frederick S. Quinterro, engaged in a general practice of his profession. Mr. Amodeo in addition to being a member of the New York bar, has also been admitted to practice in all the State and Federal courts.

He is probation officer in Poughkeepsie; is president of the Poughkeepsie Italian Centro; and a former president of the First Ward Republican Club, of the Mt. Carmel University Club, and likewise of the Holy Name Society, all of which indicate the variety of his interests and the recognition of his gifts for leadership and constructive service. He is a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Poughkeepsie.

On September 3, 1939, at Poughkeepsie, Mariano B. Amodeo married Anna E. Cerasaro.

HARMON F. MENTLEY—For three decades Harmon F. Mentley has been engaged in the jewelry business in Middletown. He operates one of the finest stores of its kind in Orange County, but his success down the years has been based on his professional abilities, combined with commercial acumen, for he is an exceptionally finely trained and experienced watchmaker and engraver and a licensed diamond expert. He, therefore, renders services to the public far beyond the usual scope of the average jeweler.

Mr. Mentley was born at Gowanda, New York, on December 18, 1882, son of John and Elizabeth (Hepfinger) Mentley, his father being a tanner in western New York State area and himself a native of Buffalo. After completing his academic education, he attended the Illinois College of Engraving and Optometry. He likewise also served an apprenticeship to the trade of watchmaking in Buffalo, and shortly after the turn of the century came to Middletown as a watchmaker, repairer of timepieces and skilled engraver, for A. M. Ambler. Later he was with J. H. Gordon in the city, prior to February 13, 1913, when he established his present business. As already indicated, he has an unusually superior jewelry store that is the direct result of long and hard work, wherein he has gained a reputation for integrity and fair dealing that is widely known and appreciated. The important contributory factors to his standing have been his skill with timepieces, with the design and engraving of jewelry, and his expert knowledge of the quality and value of diamonds and other precious stones. He also carries a large stock of gifts and articles that appeal to the public, his ideas and his place being of the most modern type.

Mr. Mentley has long since learned how to enjoy life while carrying on one's work, and how to serve the community well without seeking political prominence. He is a Republican so far as party affiliations go, but votes for the right man and worth-while projects quite without regard to party labels. He is a charter member of the Middletown Kiwanis Club; is a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1097; has been a Master of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Past Commander of Cyprus Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 67; and is a member of the board of governors of the Orange County Golf Club. Golf is his favorite sport and he was county golf champion of Orange County in 1922, no mean achievement in a section where so many play the game well. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In New York City, in March, 1914, Harmon F. Mentley married (first) Henrietta Turell, who died in 1920, and they were the parents of a son, John N., born in 1920. He attended the public and grade schools of Middletown, and died in 1941, while a junior at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Mr. Mentley married (second), October 7, 1925, at Middletown, New York, Gertrude (Beakes) Seagears, widow of Dr. Murray W. Seagears, of St. Augustine, Florida. By her former marriage, Mrs. Mentley is the mother of a son, Clayton B. Seagears, superintendent of conservation education, State Conservation Department, Albany, New York; married Ethel Penfield, of Middletown, and they have twin sons, Murray W. and Malcolm Thomas, born in 1932.

H. JOHN TERWILLIGER—Operating the H. J. Terwilliger Insurance Agency, in Kingston, H. John Terwilliger is sole owner of the business, as well as east-

ern states manager of the Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company.

Mr. Terwilliger was born February 26, 1906, in Kingston, New York, son of John and Alice (Tenbrook) Terwilliger. His father was a hay press manufacturer for many years until his retirement.

Public schools furnished H. J. Terwilliger's early formal education through the high school grades, and he then studied at Columbia University and New York University, in New York City. He early became associated with a Wall Street financial house, remaining in New York City until 1931, when he returned to Kingston and opened the present agency. He continues today as sole owner of the H. J. Terwilliger Insurance Agency, as indicated above, and, as also noted, is eastern states manager of the Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company.

Farming is another of Mr. Terwilliger's interests. He owns a two hundred-acre property and is engaged in dairy farming. He has been highly successful in this work, and is widely known in New York State agricultural circles. He is active in many organizations, including the National Association of Special Insurance Agents and the Kingston Club. He was a first lieutenant in the National Guard of the State of New York between 1932 and 1938.

In 1929, in Kingston, New York, H. John Terwilliger married Mary Elizabeth Coutant, daughter of Melbourne R. and Catherine (Featheroff) Coutant. They became the parents of a son, H. John Terwilliger, Jr., who was born February 1, 1931, and is at the time of writing a student in the Kingston Junior High School.

NATHAN SADINOFF—Having come to the United States as a boy, Nathan Sadinoff here received his education and then became an apprentice in the textile industry, with which he has since been continuously associated to the present time. He came to Beacon in 1935, when the Beacon Loom Works, of which Mr. Sadinoff is plant manager and resident partner, was first established here. Since coming to the city, he has taken an enthusiastic interest in local affairs, informing himself on public questions, and becoming affiliated with the social and fraternal organizations which play an important rôle in community life.

Mr. Sadinoff was born in Russia, on September 15, 1901, son of Isaac and Adele Sadinoff. His father, who was a native of Russia also, was engaged in the textile industry during his lifetime; he died in 1939. Nathan, during his boyhood in the United States, attended the public schools, and received there the customary general education.

He then became interested in the textile industry in which his father worked, and set himself the task of becoming familiar with the various facets of its operation. After having spent some years working in this field, he came to Beacon in 1935, in order to establish here the plant of the Beacon Loom Works, which is now located

on Mill Street. This plant operates with an employee force of more than two hundred people. It has fifty thousand square feet of floor space in which to conduct its operations. The textile goods which are manufactured by this concern are shipped to all parts of the United States and Canada. Since the business was started at Beacon, Mr. Sadinoff has been in charge of all operations, in his capacities as plant manager and resident partner in the company.

Though interested in local civic affairs, Mr. Sadinoff is not a member of a political party, nor has he been active as a candidate for office. He is a member of the Beacon Engine Company here. His social affiliations include membership in the Kiwanis Club and in the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliation is with the local synagogue.

WILLIAM IACOBELLIS—As president of the Wiltwyck Coal & Ice Company, of Kingston, William Iacobellis is extensively engaged in the manufacture and distribution of ice in this region of New York State.

Mr. Iacobellis was born September 16, 1895, in Italy, son of Arnold Iacobellis, who was a farmer in the family's ancestral land. Italian schools provided William Iacobellis' early formal education, and he was employed on his father's farm in boyhood and young manhood. In 1911 he came to the United States, settling in Brooklyn, New York. Then, in 1932, he came to Kingston, here buying the Wiltwyck Coal & Ice Company from Dwyer Brothers. Since that time he has continued to manufacture ice, his plant having a fifty-ton-per-day capacity. He distributes ice throughout Ulster County, and is widely and favorably known as one of the county's leading business men.

In addition to being president of the Wiltwyck Coal & Ice Company, Mr. Iacobellis is a member of the local Italian Club in Kingston and was formerly a member of other community organizations. He belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

William Iacobellis married, in 1914, Mary Lozachaio, of Italy. They became the parents of four children: 1. Frances, born in 1914. 2. Dominick, born in 1918, who is married and has one daughter. 3. Mary, born in 1921. 4. Bert, born in 1927.

KITTY SMITH—Engaged in a real estate brokerage business in Putnam County, Kitty Smith, as she is generally known, concentrates her attention mainly on property around Lake Oscawana and Putnam County. Her contribution to the life of this community and district has been outstandingly valuable, and she is widely known for her many-sided services.

Catherine T. Smith, as she was christened, or Mrs. Henry E. Kameke, as she is in private life, was born August 26, 1893, in Methuen, Massachusetts, daughter of the late John and Margaret (Golden) Smith, both

natives of Ireland who came to America in early life. Settling in New York City, where they were married, they later removed to Massachusetts, then subsequently returned again to New York. Mr. Smith was engaged for many years in the livery business, but later was associated with the Federal Reserve Bank until his retirement.

Schools of Methuen provided Kitty Smith's early formal education. She was fourteen years of age when her family removed to New York City. There she attended Miller's Secretarial School, and she early turned her attention to business affairs. Between 1917 and 1938 she managed an antique business in New York. As early as 1928, however, she came to the town of Putnam Valley to make her home. Here she has since remained. Since 1940 she has devoted her business energies to real estate brokerage work in the Oscawana Lake-Putnam County area.

Operating her real estate firm under the name of "Kiity Smith," she is widely and favorably known under this name. In 1939 she was appointed deputy town clerk of Putnam Valley and clerk to the zoning board of appeals, holding office until March, 1944. In 1936 she was made a member of the Democratic county committee for District No. 2 of the town of Putnam Valley, and she continues in this position down to the time of writing. Formerly she served as recording secretary of the Putnam Valley Democratic Club. Mrs. Kameke is also widely known and honored for the rôle that she has played in business circles as a member of the Putnam Valley Real Estate Board and in other capacities. She is a member of the Roman Catholic Church at Putnam Valley.

In Nyack, New York, May 22, 1928, Kitty Smith became the wife of Henry E. Kameke, a jeweler of New York City.

PAUL T. RICHARD—Residing in West Nyack, Paul T. Richard is associated with the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City. After a wide experience as an artist, he has come to this museum and rendered distinguished service here along the lines of his profession.

Mr. Richard was born March 5, 1902, in New York City, son of the late Louis and Jane (Peron) Richard. His father, a native of France, was for years a successful sculptor, residing in West Nyack for more than forty years until his death, July 12, 1940. Before coming here, he lived for fifteen years in New York City. The mother died in 1941. The remains of both parents were laid to rest in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Nanuet.

Public schools of West Nyack provided Paul T. Richard's early formal education, and he afterward had special professional studies at art schools in France, as well as in the United States. In France he worked at *l'École des Beaux-Arts*, Paris, and at *l'Académie Julien*, and subsequently he studied at the Art Students' League, New York. From 1920 to 1930 he was engaged in free-lance

art work. Then he was engaged as an illustrator for the fourteenth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," in New York City. In 1935 he returned to France for a visit and for a tour of the galleries and the famous centers of painting and art. Back in the United States, Mr. Richard joined the staff of the American Museum of Natural History in 1936, and here he has continued down to the time of writing.

When not busily engaged in his professional endeavors, Mr. Richard enjoys the out-of-doors, and finds propagation of evergreens a hobby that particularly affords him satisfaction. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In Nanuet, New York, November 30, 1941, Paul T. Richard married Therese Milliere, daughter of Camille Milliere.

CLARENCE J. DRAKE—Engaged in the practice of law at Poughkeepsie for two-score years, Clarence J. Drake has attained an eminent position in the profession here. He has not only affected the local legal situation through his own accomplishments, but has also opened his office to a number of younger attorneys who, through the advantage of this association, are possessed of an excellent introduction to the field of legal work. Mr. Drake has been retained as attorney for several large estates, and is associated with business and financial institutions in Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Drake was born on June 24, 1874, at Pleasant Valley, son of Edward C. and Annie E. (Divine) Drake. He received his general education at the Poughkeepsie Military Institute and at the DeGarmo Institute, Fishkill. In order to qualify as an attorney, he entered the office of Martin Heermance and C. W. H. Arnold; later he was a law clerk and student in the office of Charles F. Cossum, and while maintaining this latter association was, in 1902, admitted to the bar of the State of New York.

Since that time, Mr. Drake has engaged in a general practice of law at Poughkeepsie, appearing in all of the courts. He has been the attorney for the estate of James E. Sague, former public service commissioner of the State of New York; attorney and vice-president of the American Locomotive Company and the Worthington Pump Company. He is vice-president and attorney for the Farmers and Manufacturers National Bank of Poughkeepsie, New York; treasurer of Collingwood & Seaman, Inc., Poughkeepsie; and a trustee of the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Mr. Drake has been an active and influential member of the Republican party in this district. He is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association; his social affiliations include membership in the local lodge of the Masonic Order, the Amrita Club, and the Dutchess County Historical Society. His favorite recreation is travel.

On June 27, 1918, Clarence J. Drake was married to Sarah O. Darrow, daughter of Samuel K. and Emma F. (Bates) Darrow. Her father was born in Dutchess County, January 7, 1838, and died March 7, 1896; he was a hatter, and was for many years assistant postmaster at Poughkeepsie. Her mother was born in 1843 and died in 1910. Mrs. Drake is a descendant of a well-known American family, one member of which signed the Articles of Confederation; she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is active in the work of the American Red Cross and the United Service Organizations.

HEMAN M. PURDY—As man of large affairs and public spirit, Heman M. Purdy holds a place of distinction in the life of Haverstraw, Rockland County, of which he is a native and almost lifelong resident. He is banker, mortician, financier and exemplary citizen, who through character, personality and achievement holds the respect and affection of the many with whom he has had contact down the years. With a sincere spirit of service to his fellowmen is combined a richness of human understanding helpfulness that has earned him the gratitude of many among his friends and acquaintances.

Heman M. Purdy was born at Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, November 21, 1870, son of William T. and Ella (Edwards) Purdy, both of whom were natives of New York State and are now deceased, his father passing away in 1928, his mother in 1922. William T. Purdy was a mortician in Haverstraw for many years.

After being educated in the public schools of his birthplace and Mountain Institute of Haverstraw, H. M. Purdy joined his father in the undertaking business in this city, continuing with the older man to 1892. From 1892 to 1904, he engaged in a retail silverware business in New York City, but in the latter year returned to Haverstraw to again become associated with the funeral directing business which he still continues.

Mr. Purdy takes an active and constructive interest in civic affairs. He served as supervisor of the town of Haverstraw from January, 1916, to December 31, 1925, in the latter year being elected city clerk. Re-elected in January, 1938, he continues his service to the public. He is president of the Peoples Bank of Haverstraw and for the past twenty-five years has been secretary of the Provident Building & Loan Association. Fraternally, Mr. Purdy is affiliated with Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Haverstraw Lodge, No. 877, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His favorite recreation is golf.

In 1907, Heman M. Purdy married Mary Weiant, of Rockland County, New York.

SEDGWICK MACHINE WORKS—A century ago, in 1844, one Charles Henry Sedgwick brought his metal working business to Poughkeepsie, New York,

where it since has been situated. He was of the seventh generation from General Robert Sedgwick, who more than three centuries ago, according to unimpeachable historical sources, is recorded as joining with John Winthrop, Jr., "to establish the first furnace and iron works in America."

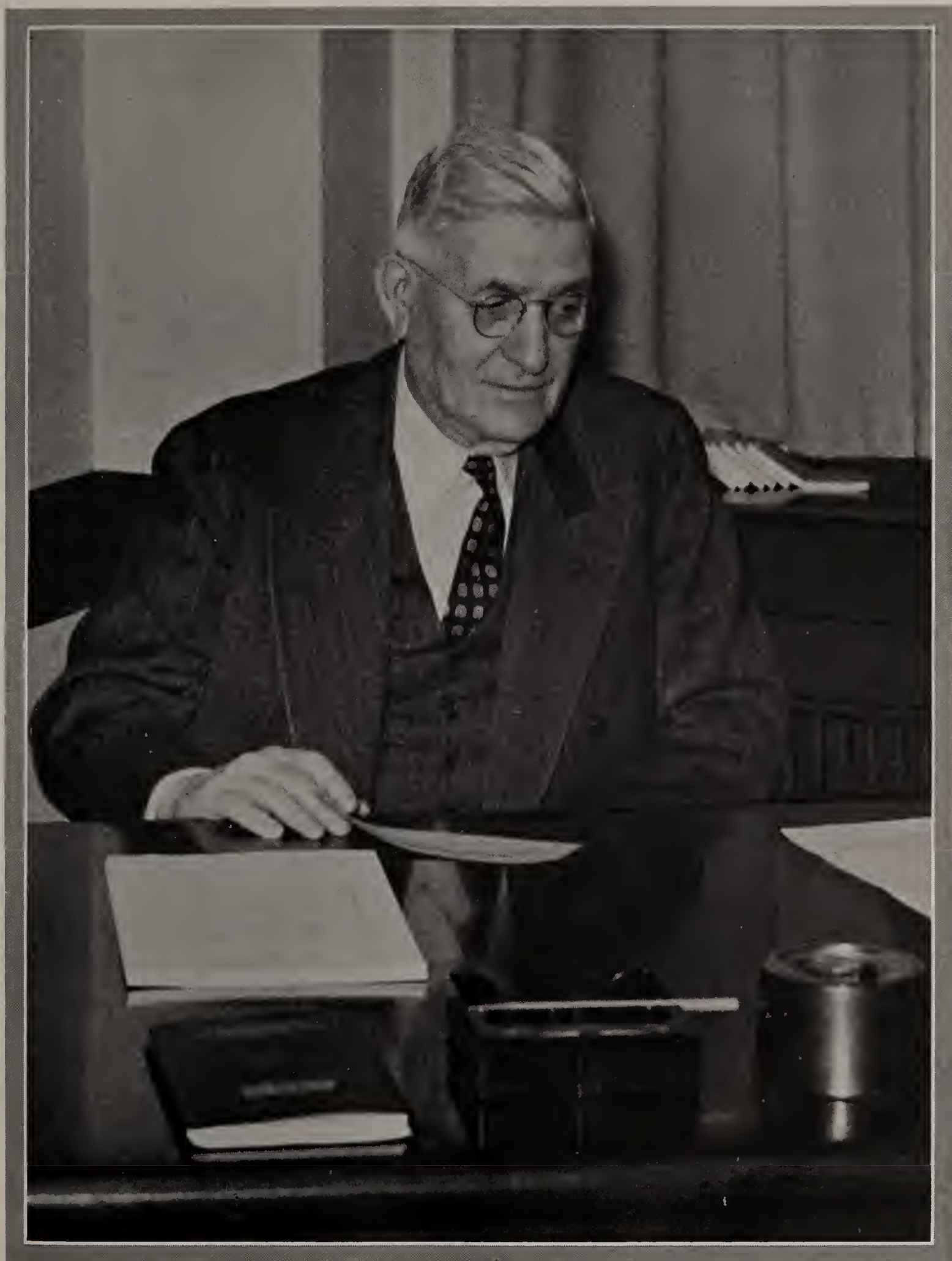
For eleven generations the Sedgwicks have continued in the craft, devising and fashioning from metal and wood those machines and mechanical devices which have contributed to the progress of the Nation. The experience accumulated during nearly three centuries of skilled craftsmanship has been handed down from father to son. In 1893 Alonzo Sedgwick and Justus Ingersoll Wakelee erected a new plant and concentrated their energies on the manufacture of elevators and dumb-waiters.

It has been said that "the quality of a product may be measured by the character and integrity of its makers." Down through the years the Sedgwick Machine Works has kept high the standards of manufacture established by the founders of the business. Wherever the name "Sedgwick" is found on electrically and hand operated hoisting equipment, it stands for the best in equipment of its kind, a hall-mark of quality, materials, design and workmanship. At all times it has invited a test of its products, especially of its capable engineering department that was established chiefly for the purpose of solving all types of problems in its field. What the engineers plan, the Sedgwick Machine Works can make and install.

THOMAS H. MULLARKEY—Dykemans is an old, old village of Putnam County, and with the county for nearly a century the name Mullarkey has been importantly associated. Two generations, father and son, have been notably public spirited and active in civic as well as business and social affairs. Together they have contributed continuously to municipal progress and betterment.

Thomas H. Mullarkey was born in Dykemans, New York, December 21, 1874, son of Austin and Winifred (McIntyre) Mullarkey; both of whom were natives of Ireland and came to the New World as young people and both are now deceased. Winifred McIntyre as a young girl settled in Brewster, New York. Austin Mullarkey came to Dykemans just after the end of the Civil War and established the general store that he operated to his death in 1922 at the age of seventy-nine years. He was postmaster of the place for a half century and a school trustee for forty years of District No. 5, town of Southeast. A grand old man, possessing many of the fine social traits of his race, he was universally respected and loved. His passing in 1922 was sincerely mourned by the many friends he had made and the people he had helped.

Thomas H. Mullarkey attended the above District School, No. 5, town of Southeast, and throughout his later years has been a student of books, men, history and



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current events. As a young man he taught School No. 5, Putnam Valley, an employment that he found after three years experience promised little remuneration and less opportunity to utilize his enterprise and spirit. Turning his attention elsewhere, from the turn of the century to 1903, he worked for the civil engineering corps, then busy with New York City water projects. It was an interesting experience that broadened his intimate knowledge of his State, something that may also be said of the following four years when he was railroading with the New York, New Haven & Hartford System.

Ultimately Mr. Mullarkey did what many good Putnam County born folk do, returned to the place of his birth and became associated with its affairs. He joined his father in the management of the family general store, and after the death of the older man took over this mercantile establishment. Following somewhat in the tradition of his father, Mr. Mullarkey is the sole trustee of School District No. 5, town of Southeast. During the past decade, he has served without a break, as assessor of the town of Southeast. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 120, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Danbury, Connecticut. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church, and is generous in his support of religious and humanitarian undertakings.

At Brewster, New York, in January, 1918, Thomas H. Mullarkey married Caroline Wood, born in Putnam County, daughter of Nathan D. and Nettie (Kirk) Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Mullarkey are the parents of two children: 1. James, born in Dykemans, November 11, 1918, a graduate of St. Mary's School (High), at Katonah, New York; Villanova College, and had matriculated at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when he enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps, and is now serving in England for World War II. Prior to enlisting in the army he had attended the Plattsburg (New York) Officers' Training School for four years; he has served in North Africa, Sicily, and latterly in England. 2. Mary, born at Dykemans, in 1925. She is a graduate of St. Mary's High School, at Katonah, and is now associated with the First National Bank of Brewster.

ANDREW J. SNYDER—For many years Andrew J. Snyder has been one of the best known business men of Rosendale, where he is extensively engaged in the lime and cement manufacturing business. The enterprise that he heads is a very old one, long carried forward by the Snyder family.

Mr. Snyder was born November 25, 1889, in this New York State community, son of Charles and Minnie (Palen) Snyder. He is a direct descendant from Jacob Snyder, from whom the line is traced, generation by generation, through Jacob's son, Andrew; Andrew's son, John James; John James' son, Andrew J.; and his son, Charles; to the present Andrew J. Snyder. All of these

generations lived in Rosendale; but, even before the family settled here, there were two previous American generations. The immigrant ancestor on this continent was Jacob Snyder, whose son, Christopher, was the father of the Jacob Snyder named above. Jacob Snyder, Christopher Snyder's son, representing the third American generation of the line, settled in Hurley at a very early date, and the part of Hurley Township now comprising Rosendale Township. He was born in 1726. Taking up government land here, he afterward purchased further holdings until he accumulated a large tract. Some of his property is still held in the family, and Andrew J. Snyder occupies the old homestead place. The original stone house here was erected in 1809 by Jacob Lowe Snyder, father of Catharine Snyder, mentioned below. In the early days he built and operated a gristmill on Rondout Creek in 1809, and in 1825, when the canal was constructed, he ground Rosendale cement in his gristmill for canal lock construction.

Andrew Snyder, son of Jacob and of the fourth American generation, and great-great-grandfather of the subject, was born May 1, 1762, and died in 1841. He was a teacher and a physician, whose son, John James Snyder, was born February 6, 1799, and died March 25, 1874. In young manhood he taught school, taking up surveying about 1830. For some years he carried on this work in Ulster County, where he was a prominent figure in the community, frequently called upon to draw up deeds, wills and other important papers.

His son, Andrew J. Snyder, the present Andrew J. Snyder's grandfather, was born July 5, 1823, in Rosendale, Hurley Township, Ulster County, and died in 1902, aged seventy-nine years. He remained at home until he was sixteen, then became a farm hand, working for \$6 per month. Thus employed until the spring of 1844, he then entered upon an apprenticeship as a carpenter and wheelwright, so continuing until 1848, when he became associated with the cement industry as superintendent of a quarry on the farm owned by Silas Snyder. In 1850 he opened his own quarry and was engaged until 1853 in the manufacture of cement. He then turned his activity to agricultural pursuits, which occupied his attention until 1860. Then he once more entered the cement business on his farm, achieving marked success. He was a staunch member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and long held a position of leadership in his community. He married, November 14, 1850, Catharine Snyder, daughter of the Jacob Lowe Snyder mentioned above, of Rosendale. She was born December 13, 1831, and died July 29, 1879.

Their son, Charles Snyder, Andrew J. Snyder's father, was born April 11, 1869, on the old homestead property at Rosendale. When he completed his studies, he took charge of the cement plant, which he conducted until his death, August 2, 1897, when he was only twenty-eight years old. Charles Snyder married Minnie Palen, of Stone Ridge, New York, daughter of John H. and Sarah

(Webster) Palen. They became the parents of two children: 1. Andrew J., of further mention. 2. Sarah, who early lived at the family homestead in Rosendale. Mrs. Snyder died September 24, 1927.

Andrew J. Snyder received his early education at the Rosendale school, then went to Kingston Academy and the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie. In 1911 he bought from the other heirs, their interest in the property of A. J. Snyder and Sons, including homestead and plant. The cement producing plant had a capacity of three hundred thousand barrels of cement annually, all of it shipped on boats which were loaded at the mill and directed by canal and the Hudson River to New York City and other ports. After acquiring this property, Andrew J. Snyder dismantled the plant and erected a new and smaller unit with a capacity of three hundred barrels of cement and sixty tons of lime per day. He continued with this equipment in the manufacturing of lime and cement until 1928; then, in 1929, the Snyder interests were taken over by a Cleveland syndicate in leasehold. At that time one of the most up-to-date plants of its kind in the United States was erected. It has a capacity of one thousand, five hundred barrels of cement daily—a figure that was afterward increased to three thousand, five hundred barrels. The mill equipment and expenditures totaled \$400,000. The new organization was styled the Century Cement Corporation, with headquarters at No. 104 Park Avenue, New York. On four hundred acres of the property the company has a valuable mineral deposit, out of which a special mortar and masonry cement is made for brick, stone and tile. The product is considered as being among the best obtainable, and has a wide sale in the New England area, as well as in the Central and Southern States.

After continuing until 1930 as manager of the Century Cement Corporation plant, Mr. Snyder resigned from that post in order to give his full time and attention to the lime plant at Tillson, which he purchased. Here he constructed a modern lime plant of seventy-five tons daily capacity, and proceeded to plan its further development. He produces lime for the building trade and for agricultural uses, conducting operations under the firm style of A. J. Snyder Lime Company. This property was formerly a part of the extensive Miller interests.

In addition to his many other responsibilities, Mr. Snyder is a leader in civic affairs. He is a member of the Holland Society and the Ulster County Society, and belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church. His achievements, which are many-sided, have brought him wide respect and admiration throughout the Hudson Valley area, and he has friends and acquaintances in all walks of life.

Andrew J. Snyder married, October 7, 1920, Adelaide Hale, daughter of Mortimer Hale, of Brooklyn, New York.

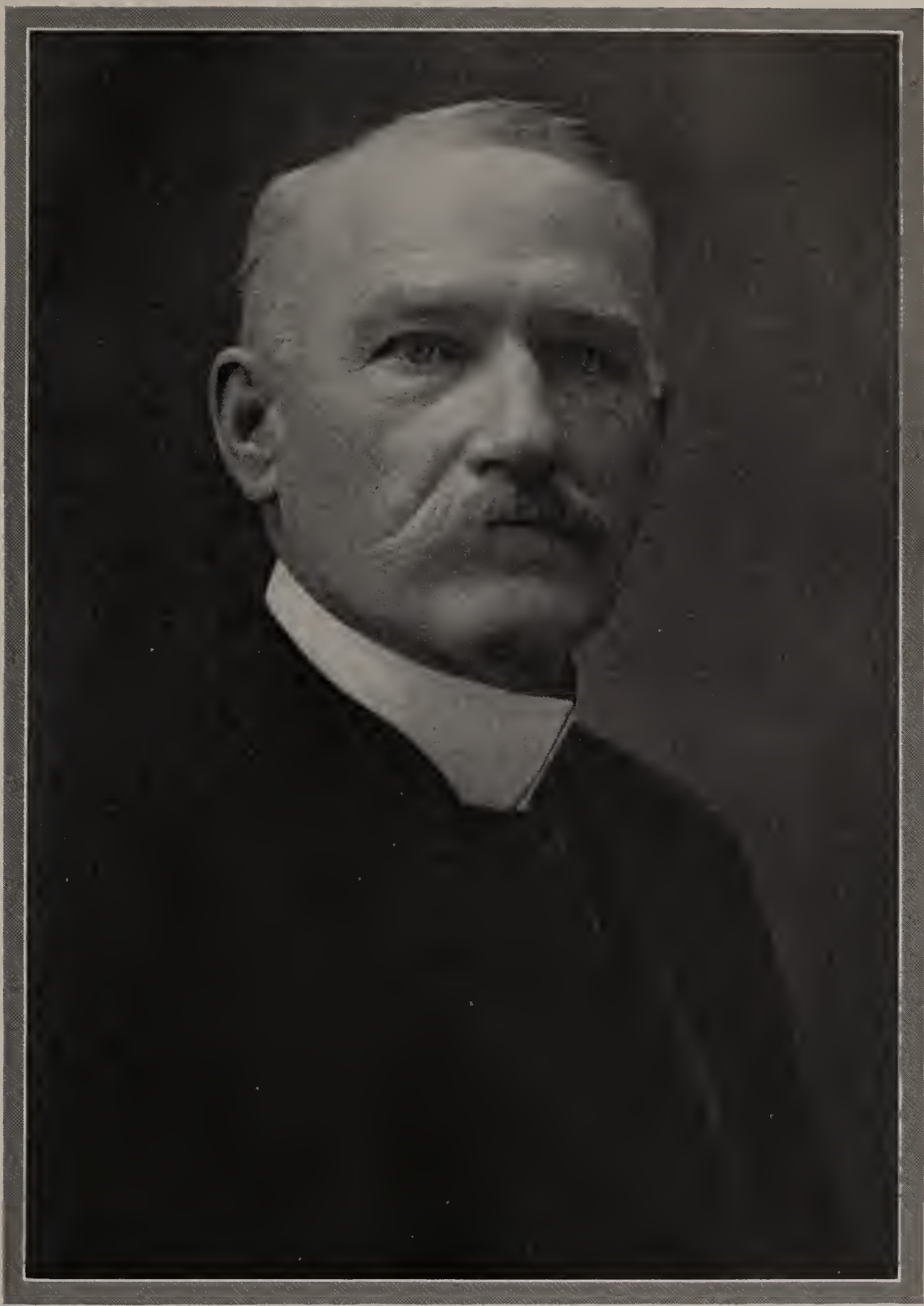
SAMUEL W. MILLS, M. D.—Member of long established and honored families of Orange County, Samuel W. Mills, M. D., chose Middletown, New York, as the place of his practice as a physician and surgeon. He has had offices in the city for the past twenty-two years, during which his activities and reputation have been identified with a large area. He is a member of professional organizations, local, State and national, and has achieved a reputation that is far more than city and county in scope.

Dr. Mills was born in Middletown, New York, January 4, 1892, son of Dr. Theodore D. and Christine (Stivers) Mills, his father being a well-known physician. After preparing for higher learning in Middletown and other schools, the son entered Yale University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915, a Bachelor of Arts. Matriculating at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. After a period as interne at Roosevelt Hospital and the Sloan Maternity Hospital, New York City, he returned to Middletown where he has since engaged in the work of his profession.

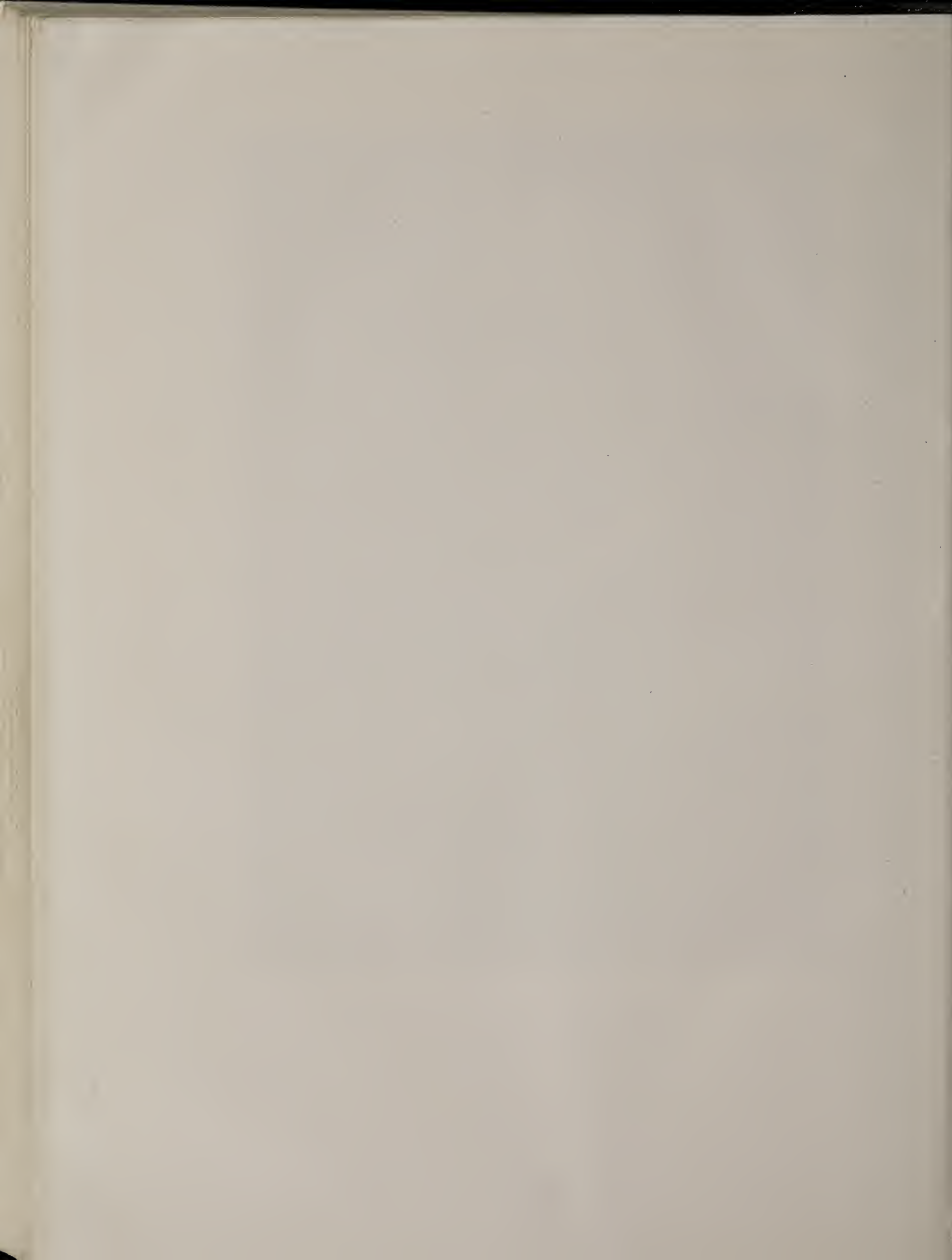
Down the years Dr. Mills has more and more specialized in surgery with a success that has won the admiration of a large clientele and numerous colleagues. He is associate attending surgeon at the Memorial Hospital and serves on the staff of the New York City Municipal Sanitarium at Otisville, New York. His professional affiliations include those with the Orange County Medical Society, of which he is a former president; the New York State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. His contributions to the literature of his profession have been many and important, and he has done considerable speaking over the radio. Dr. Mills is a member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, and worships in the Presbyterian faith.

In 1920, Samuel W. Mills, M. D., married Dorothy Van Orden of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Samuel W., Jr., educated at Hotchkiss School and Yale University. He is now studying at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. 2. Louis V., a graduate of Dartmouth College, and Tuck Business School.

CHARLES IRVING TERWILLIGER—Not the least of the achievements of Charles Irving Terwilliger is more than three-quarters of a century's activity in the business and financial circles of Port Jervis, New York. He has been privileged to live through more than half of the existence of the United States and has contributed in no small measure to the ideas and ideals that have made the Nation great. He was born on November 18, 1850, at Huguenot, New York, son of James I. and Prudence (Knight) Terwilliger, his father being



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one of the builders of one section of the old Delaware & Hudson Canal.

Charles Irving Terwilliger attended the schools of his birthplace and prepared for his career at one of the old established and long foremost business institutions, Eastman Business College, of Poughkeepsie, New York. His first employment of importance was with the Delaware & Hudson Canal, at its offices in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. He then became associated with the furniture and undertaking business established by John B. Carley in 1875, at No. 41 Front Street, Port Jervis. In 1893, Mr. Carley retired and the firm became C. I. Terwilliger, and when the older man was joined by his son Fred, it became C. I. Terwilliger & Son. In 1915, Lester W. Woolsey became a partner and the business was operated under the title, Terwilliger & Woolsey Company. Mr. Woolsey retired in April, 1942. It is worthy of more than passing note that the firm has been located at No. 41 Front Street, Port Jervis, for sixty-eight years.

Down through the changing years, Mr. Terwilliger has been no idle spectator of progress in his city, county and State. He always has coöperated with and frequently lent leadership to local interests of great importance. He is vice-president and a director of the First National Bank of Port Jervis; is a former president and director of the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association, of the city. He is the only living director, still serving, of the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association, of which he was president, 1920-29. So long ago as 1889, he was foreman of the Delaware Hose Company, No. 2, and chief of the Port Jervis Fire Department, of which he remains a member. Fraternally Mr. Terwilliger is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a former member of the Old Deerpark Club, and a member of the Port Jervis Country Club, having learned to play golf at the age of eighty years. His religious affiliations have long been with the First Baptist Church, of Port Jervis, and his support of charitable and humanitarian endeavors is generous and active.

On October 13, 1875, Charles Irving Terwilliger married Sarah Caskey, daughter of James and Ann (Drake) Caskey, and they are the parents of a son, Fred, born September 17, 1876. He became associated in business with his father before "the turn of the century," and his wife, Eva W. Terwilliger, is prominent in Port Jervis circles. Among her interests is the establishment of the fact that De Witt Clinton was born at Fort De Witt, in the Port Jervis section.

WALTER E. DEISSEROTH—Carrying on a general practice of law in Middletown since 1929, Walter E. Deisseroth is recognized as one of this community's leading professional and civic workers.

Mr. Deisseroth was born June 17, 1905, in Middletown, New York, son of Albert L. and Lilla A. (Hewitt) Deis-

seroth. His father was plumbing inspector of the city of Middletown.

Public schools of Middletown furnished Walter E. Deisseroth's early education through the high school grades. He then studied at Syracuse University, in Syracuse, and took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the Albany Law School in 1928. Admitted to the bar of New York State in that year, he commenced his practice of law in Albany, where he was associated for a time with a prominent law firm. Taken ill, he found it necessary to withdraw for a time from active practice. After recovering, however, he resumed his law practice in 1929, establishing an office for this purpose in Middletown, where he continues this work today.

In addition to his legal activities, Mr. Deisseroth takes part extensively in community affairs. A staunch Republican, he served from 1939 to 1941 as corporation counsel of Middletown. Some years earlier, in 1930 and 1931, he was court stenographer in Orange County. For three years he was chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, of which he continues to be a member. Mr. Deisseroth was made an air raid warden in Middletown at the beginning of the present critical period, and he still serves as a warden and as an observer at the airport. He is a member of the Middletown Bar Association and the Orange County Bar Association. He is active in the Middletown Lions Club and is a member of the Excelsior Fire Company. In Grace Protestant Episcopal Church he is chairman of the Boy Scout group connected with the church.

On October 16, 1930, in Middletown, New York, Walter E. Deisseroth married Ruth Ballman, daughter of Jacob S. and Sarah (Bodine) Ballman. They became the parents of two children: 1. Walter E., Jr., born March 29, 1937. 2. Albert B., born May 18, 1941. Mr. Deisseroth's favorite hobby is baseball, although he is fond of all healthful outdoor sports.

OLIN BURT FELLOWS—Relatively early in life Olin Burt Fellows assumed heavy business responsibilities as an executive, and for the past twenty years has been the president of the Ideal Wrapping Machine Company of Middletown, Orange County, and vice-president of the Fair Play Caramels, Inc., of Middletown and Johnson City, New York. The first-named is one of the oldest machinery making concerns in Southeastern New York. The second is one of the largest in the United States engaged in its specialty. Over a long period Mr. Fellows has given the benefit of his abilities and experience to movements and organizations that work for the progress of his community and the welfare of its citizens.

He is a native of Middletown, New York, born on July 14, 1889, son of Olin and Hattie (Lain) Fellows, both parents deceased. His father who died October 3, 1921, was for many years identified with the Ideal Wrapping Machine Company. The son, of this record, attended

local public schools, and the Lawrenceville Preparatory Academy, prior to entering Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Later he did postgraduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1911, Olin Burt Fellows became associated with his father in the Ideal Wrapping Machine Company, in Middletown, of which he was made president in 1922. In 1920 he was elected vice-president of the Fair Play Caramels, Inc., and to these two important corporations has since devoted his best energies as an executive. As mentioned, the Ideal Wrapping Machine Company is one of the oldest of its kind in Orange County. Fair Play Caramels, Inc., of Middletown and Johnson City, New York, was known all over the world for its manufacture of caramel products before the global war interfered with exports. It remains a leader in its class, employing normally about two hundred and fifty people and distributing its products throughout the United States and other countries. F. B. Williams is president of this corporation and F. Moore is treasurer. Of the Ideal Wrapping Company, Mr. Williams is vice-president, and F. Moore, treasurer, indicating how closely they are allied in business.

In Middletown, Mr. Fellows is active in municipal affairs, is a member of the chamber of commerce, and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and belongs to the Middletown Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons, and Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

At Middletown, New York, in 1918, Olin B. Fellows married (first) Margaret R. Smith, daughter of John A. and Caroline (Ferg) Smith, who died in 1929, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Olin B., Jr., a lieutenant, senior grade in the United States Navy. 2. Margaret Caroline. Mr. Fellows married (second), in 1931, Hilda (Wilkes) Ogden, of Middletown, New York, daughter of Chas. B. and Mary (Gibb) Wilkes.

EDWARD A. MILLER—A native of Poughkeepsie, Edward A. Miller returned here to begin his practice of law after he had completed all requirements for admission to the bar of the State of New York. At the present time he conducts a private general practice, and holds the position of assistant district attorney of Dutchess County.

Mr. Miller was born at Poughkeepsie March 12, 1902, son of John E. and Nora M. (Kane) Miller; his father was a toolmaker by profession. Edward A. received his elementary education at the St. Mary's Parochial School, later studying at Poughkeepsie High School. After completing his pre-legal studies, he matriculated at the Fordham University Law School. Completing the professional curriculum, he was admitted to the bar of the State in February of 1935.

His practice at Poughkeepsie was begun immediately. Since that time he has carried a general practice, appearing in all of the courts. The appointment as assistant district attorney of the county allows him to hold this position while continuing his own work as an attorney.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Poughkeepsie, and is, with his family, a communicant of the Church of the Nativity here.

On August 10, 1932, at the Church of the Nativity, Edward A. Miller married Mary D. Feldsine, daughter of J. William and Julia (Carroll) Feldsine. They are the parents of four children: 1. David, born August 28, 1933. 2. Mary Ann, born August 10, 1934. 3. Judith, born February 25, 1936. 4. Edward A., Jr., born October 21, 1942.

ELMER HORTON LEMON—The record of Elmer Horton Lemon of Newburgh, and the principles for which he stands in public, professional and private life, have made him one of the leaders of Orange County. He was district attorney for that county from 1928 to 1930.

Mr. Lemon was born in Matamoras, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1888, son of Thomas and Jennie I. (Scott) Lemon, and grandson of William Lemon, who came from County Antrim, Ireland, to the United States and settled at Scotchtown. His son, Thomas Lemon, born there in 1846, on a farm, was conductor for the Erie Railway, traveling out of Port Jervis, New York, until his early death at the age of forty-nine. Jennie I. (Scott) Lemon, born at Bethel, Sullivan County, was the daughter of John Scott, who came from Connecticut, and his wife, Hannah (Jackson) Scott, whose family were among the first settlers in Bethel, to which they came from New England when Sullivan County was a wilderness. John Scott, a man of great physical strength and prowess, a hunter and trapper to whom was given the nickname "Bearfoot," died in 1910, at the age of eighty-eight.

After receiving his academic training at the Garfield (New Jersey) High School, and the Riverhead and Middletown High Schools, Elmer Horton Lemon graduated from Cornell University Law School in 1912, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. That same year he was admitted to the bar and practiced in Middletown until the outbreak of the World War, in which he participated, as detailed in a subsequent paragraph. In 1919 he reopened his offices, located then in Newburgh. Three years of successful practice established him in the popular favor and confidence and brought him appointment to the office of Assistant United States Attorney in 1922. Serving until December 31, 1924, he then advanced to the office of district attorney, to which he had been elected the preceding November, and was reelected November, 1927, for a term of three years. An Independent, he was the Republican candidate in primary opposed to the machine candidate, and made a hot speaking campaign. Mr. Lemon made

constant war on bootleggers, his fight having the support of the churches.

In 1930 he retired from the office of district attorney to private practice which he continued until 1937 when he was elected special surrogate of Orange County, which office he held for six years.

During his two terms as district attorney he brought several proceedings unique in the practice of the law, one of which was a proceeding to prohibit the Supreme Court from compelling him to disclose certain evidence in a murder case. This was entitled Lemon against the Supreme Court, in which Judge Cardoza, chief judge of the Court of Appeals, wrote the opinion upholding Mr. Lemon's contention. This case has been cited many times by the courts. Another new proceeding never before attempted in New York State was to padlock disorderly houses. In this he was also successful after litigation going to the Court of Appeals.

On February 9, 1918, Mr. Lemon enlisted as cadet pilot in aviation. He graduated from the United States School of Military Aeronautics at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, September 28, 1918, whence he went to the School of Fire at Fort Sill for aerial observation. He was discharged December 20, 1918, with the rank of private, first class. He is past commander of Galloway Post, American Legion, Newburgh; also of Orange County, and of the Ninth District, and was on the first board of directors of American Legion Mountain Camp at Tupper Lake. He is a Past Master of Newburgh Lodge of Masons and its present treasurer. He has served as treasurer and vice-president of the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands and was one of the organizers of National Temple Hill Association, Inc., and its treasurer for many years. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Lemon is a member of the New York State, Orange County and Newburgh Bar associations, the latter of which he has served as president.

His civic activities have been varied; serving as member of the advisory board, and also chairman on the Newburgh Branch of the Salvation Army; member of the board of directors of the Newburgh Young Men's Christian Association, and a member of the board of trustees and treasurer of Orange County Young Men's Christian Association. He is a Presbyterian.

At the beginning of World War II, he was appointed to membership on Local Board 302, Selective Service and was made chairman, serving in that capacity for some eighteen months, when he resigned to devote more of his time to his duties as director of civilian protection for Orange County, which office he held for the duration. He was also chairman of the Orange County War Council and director of Veterans Service Agency for Orange County.

In 1942 Mr. Lemon changed his residence from Newburgh to Cornwall-on-Hudson, although he continued

his law practice in Newburgh, where he specializes in surrogate's court matters.

On July 6, 1921, Elmer H. Lemon married Alice Pearl Roth of Middletown, New York, daughter of Willis A. Roth, chief engineer of Middletown State Hospital, and Ellen (Costigan) Roth. Children: Marjorie Irene, born April 14, 1923, who is now his secretary, and Willis Burton, born February 17, 1927, now in the United States Navy.

HENRY WILLIAM MILLER, M. D.—In the fields of neurology and psychiatry, Dr. Henry William Miller is an outstanding pioneer and veteran of Southeastern New York. After thorough technical education and varied and important experience, he became, in 1914, the owner and head of the Mountainbrook Farm Sanatorium, at Brewster, Putnam County, the operation of which he has since continued with a steadily increasing reputation, both of himself and his institution.

Born at Orillia, Province of Ontario, Canada, on November 22, 1873, he is the son of Crawford J. and Eleanor (Green) Miller, both now deceased. His mother was a native of Belfast, Ireland, of English-Scotch parents and ancestry. Her father was a British officer, stationed in Ireland at the time of her birth. Crawford J. Miller was of Scottish descent, born in England, and according to family tradition, one of his great-grandfathers was a cousin of the American President George Washington. Mr. Miller's business was that of a leather merchant, and as a prominent figure in the community, served Orillia as mayor for several terms.

Dr. Henry William Miller began his formal education in the schools of his birthplace, and after being graduated from the Orillia Collegiate Institute, matriculated at the University of Toronto, Province of Ontario, where he was graduated with the class of 1895, a Doctor of Medicine. His main interest as a student had been in pathology and allied lines, and he became an interne, under the famous Dr. A. Meyer, at the Massachusetts State Hospital at Worcester. Dr. Miller is licensed to practice his profession in the District of Columbia, and the states of Massachusetts, Maine and New York. His technical experience of early years in his career was obtained in McLean Hospital, Waverley, Massachusetts, as clinical director in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, District of Columbia, as superintendent of the Maine State Hospital, at Augusta, Maine, and he has been attending neurological-psychiatrist at the New York Neurological Institute, and Columbia University Medical Centre, since 1934.

In 1914, Dr. Miller acquired the Mountainbrook Farm Sanatorium, at Brewster, Putnam County, which he has since operated and served as superintendent. Indicative of his wide professional connections and lifelong custom of keeping in close touch with colleagues and the latest advances in the sciences with which he is identified, are

his memberships in the New York State Medical Society, House of Delegates of the New York State Medical Society, and he is a former president of the Putnam County Medical Society. Likewise he is a life member of the American Psychiatric Association; member of the Boston Society of Neurology and Psychiatry, at present treasurer of the First District Branch Medical Society which includes Westchester County, Manhattan, the Bronx, Richmond, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess counties. He is the author of various medical and psychiatric publications and a noted lecturer on psychiatry. As a public-spirited citizen he has served his town and county in several public capacities, including that of trustee of School District No. 2, and as director of the Child Clinic of Putnam County. His favorite diversion is golf.

At Boston, Massachusetts, June 12, 1901, Dr. Henry William Miller married Gertrude Beatrice Wright, daughter of Marshall and Sarah (King) Wright. A grandfather of Mrs. Miller gave the original land on which Dartmouth University at Hanover, New Hampshire, is located. Mrs. Miller is a noted artist who specializes in relief maps of all sorts. Dr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of one son: Ralph Wright, born April 15, 1904, at Taunton, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Yale University, class of 1926, and was engaged as a commercial artist prior to enlisting in the United States Army, where he holds the rank of first lieutenant, Medical Administration Corps. He had also attended Yale Medical School for one year.

HERMAN WILKEN—In Red Hook, Dutchess County, where the Hudson River Valley on its eastern shore becomes a pleasant land of rolling hills, Herman Wilken ultimately settled to become one of its outstanding business men and useful citizens. He has been a resident of this and other places in Dutchess County over quite a long period, a man of wide acquaintance, progressive outlook, universally respected.

Mr. Wilken was born in Germany, October 2, 1878, son of Henry and Anna (Kunst) Wilken, both natives of old Germany where his father had been an innkeeper. The son arrived in the United States when he was fourteen years of age. His first employment of note was in a grocery store, and a grocery was his first business venture. It is probable that he was born with a love of the land, for he left the metropolis to secure a small farm at Madalin, in the extreme northern part of Dutchess County. Here he expanded his agriculture to include fruit-growing and learned a great deal while acquiring experience. Eventually he became superintendent and manager of the Red Hook Farmers' Coöperative, to which he gave seventeen years of unusually skilled and devoted service, bringing it to a very sound financial standing. Herman Wilken then retired to open an agency of the G. L. F. Company, of Ithaca, New York, and endeavored to interest local capital and citizens in this business. For some reason,

probably conditions affecting the whole country at that time, he was unable to secure sufficient backing, so he invested his own means and has since brought this business to a high state of success in Red Hook, chiefly through his own hard work. In recent years he has been able to turn over to the direction of his sons, Herbert C., and Walter G. Wilken, the bulk of this business. In explanation it may be indicated that the G. L. F. Company is a large corporation that operates many establishments and warehouses in New York State and Pennsylvania, dealing in grain, feeds, and agricultural supplies.

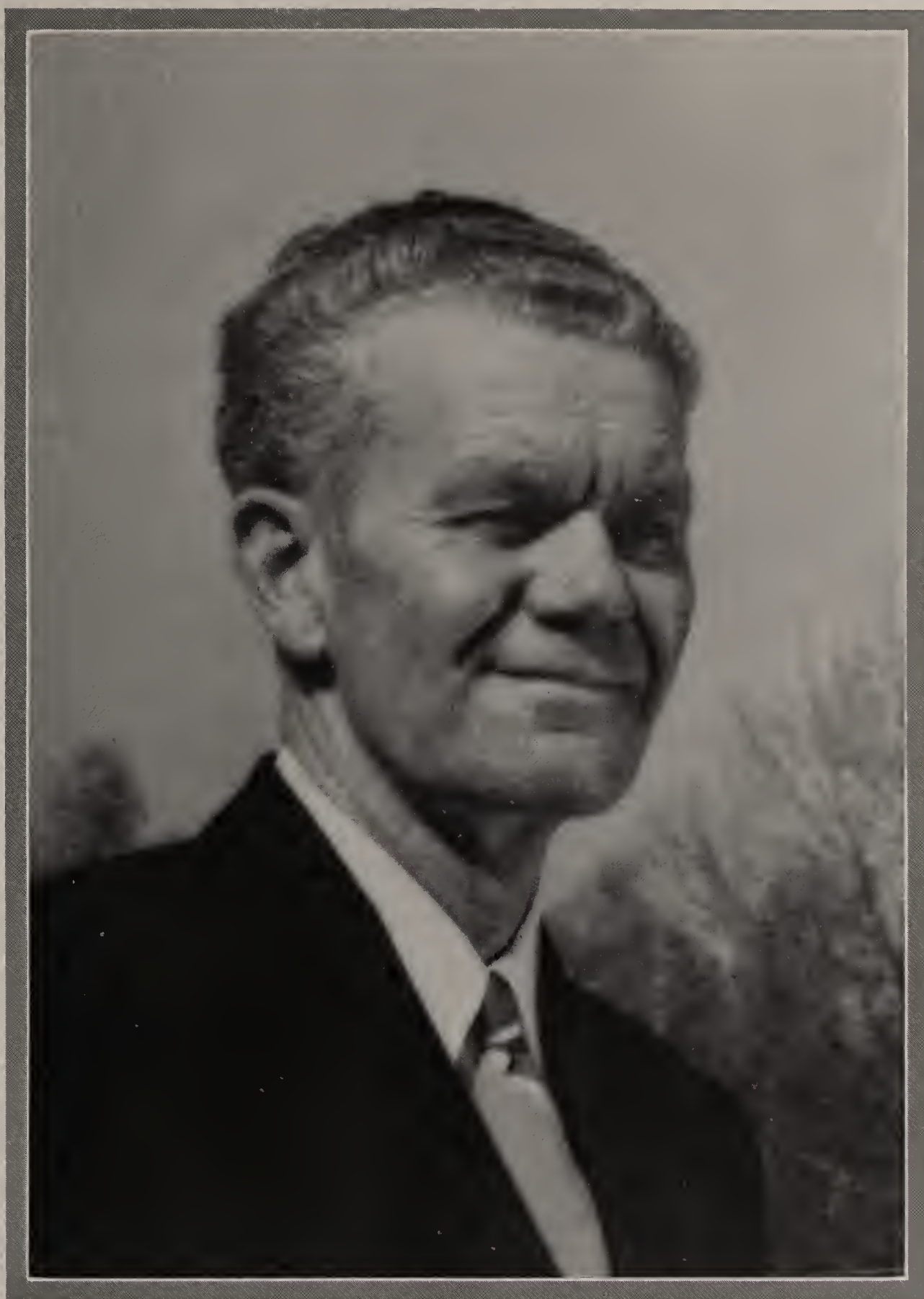
Mr. Wilken is a director of the National Bank of Red Hook and has realty and other holdings. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a popular figure in the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He worships in the Lutheran faith and is liberal of time and means in the promotion of religious and charitable works.

In 1908, Herman Wilken married Augusta Grote, and they are the parents of three sons: 1. Alfred W., graduated from the school of business, Columbia University. He was employed for two years with the Goodrich Rubber Company and then with G. L. F. Company, prior to enlisting in the United States forces. 2. Herbert C., attended the College of the City of New York and Columbia University; married Ethel Zotz, and they have two sons, William and Robert. 3. Walter G., attended Columbia University; married Thelma Weaver, and they have a son, Peter E., and a daughter, Alice. The family attends Rock City Lutheran Church, where Walter G. serves as a deacon.

MATTHEW H. WATSON—For years prominent as a leader in the public affairs of Putnam County, Matthew H. Watson was at the close of his life town clerk of Putnam Valley. He also served in many other public capacities and rendered outstanding service to his fellow-citizens in all walks of life, while at the same time he was for years active in dairy farming and contributed much to the advancement of these interests.

Mr. Watson was born January 1, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois, son of Samuel and Mary (Ingram) Watson. He was survived by his parents, as well as two sisters and two brothers of his original family: Georgette Watson, of Jersey City; Dorothea Watson, of Spokane, Washington; Robert Watson, of Putnam Valley; and John Watson, of Chicago.

In Chicago schools Matthew H. Watson received his early education, and later he studied at the John Fiske School. His first employment was with the Chicago Board of Trade. In 1913 he came to Putnam Valley with his family, joining with his father and a brother in operation of a dairy farm. In 1934 he became active in political affairs as a candidate for the office of town clerk of Putnam Valley, after having already effectively served his community and district through a variety of civic



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connections. As early as 1923 he joined the Mohegan Volunteer Fire Association, and then he was elected chairman of the board of fire commissioners of the Lake Mohegan Fire District early in January, 1942, the month of his death.

A Democrat in his political views, he was elected originally to the post of town clerk on the Republican ticket. After being so elected in 1913, a year in which the Republicans won a majority of seats on the Putnam County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Watson was appointed clerk of the board of supervisors and so served for two years. Afterward he became active again in Putnam Valley politics as a candidate for town clerk on the Democratic ticket, and was victorious. Repeatedly reelected, he was elected in November, 1941, for his fourth two-year term, running unopposed on the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the Putnam Valley Democratic Club and was at one time active in the Putnam Valley Grange and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On January 3, 1924, Matthew H. Watson married Elsie Sexton, daughter of Charles and Emily (Urbach) Sexton. She was born in the Bay Ridge district of Brooklyn, New York. She has succeeded her late husband as town clerk of Putnam Valley, having so served since 1942. Their daughter, Mary Lou Watson, was graduated from Peekskill High School, attended the New York College of Dentistry, New York City, and is now associated with Dr. Harry M. Seldin, D. D. S., in New York City. Mrs. Watson has been a resident of Putnam Valley since childhood.

The death of Matthew H. Watson, January 14, 1942, at his home in Mill Street, Putnam Valley, New York, was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret wherever he was known. His accomplishments were numerous and outstanding, and his friends, who were many, were deeply grieved by his passing, although they cherished as a treasured possession the privilege of knowing him and calling him friend.

HENRY PIERSON BULL—Although Henry Pierson Bull has been active in the field of the law for nearly fifteen years, he remains in the eyes of many, one of the younger group of professional men in Middletown, New York. He was born July 26, 1901, in Hamptonburgh, New York, son of Harry and Lucille (Pierson) Bull, and a member of long established families in the East. His father has long been to the fore in Orange County agriculture and public affairs. He was a director of the Dairymen's League, Inc., and is a director of the Coöperative G. L. F. Service, Inc.; member of the Middletown Rotary Club and the Free and Accepted Masons; president of the New York State Agricultural Society; a trustee of Cornell University; and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He makes his home in Campbell Hall, New York.

Henry Pierson Bull attended the grade schools of Hamptonburgh, was graduated from the Goshen High School, Orange County, and studied at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1922-23. Entering the law college of New York University, he was graduated in 1928, a Bachelor of Laws. From 1924 to 1927 he was associated with the law firm of Hunt, Hill and Betts, in New York City; and then was from 1928 to 1932 with Gardner and Laylor, of Middletown. He has been admitted to the New York bar in 1930, and since 1935 has been a partner of Paul Morreale, in a general practice of his profession, enjoying a fine reputation with colleagues and clients.

Mr. Bull is a member of the Middletown Bar Society, the Orange County Bar Association, and probably other professional organizations. A Republican in his political party affiliations he is an Orange County Republican Committeeman. With local groups he enjoys pleasant and constructive associations, being a former captain of the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company; member of the Middletown Fire Department and of the Middletown Club. Likewise he is a member of Hamptonburgh Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and president of the William Bull and Sarah Wells Family Association. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hamptonburgh, New York.

On September 20, 1930, Henry Pierson Bull married Mary Elizabeth Cocks, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Conklin) Cocks, of Cornwall, and they are the parents of three daughters: 1. Mary Jane, born January 17, 1933. 2. Martha Carolyn, born April 9, 1936. 3. Virginia Campbell, born May 1, 1938.

STANLEY B. JOHNSON—Born June 14, 1900, in Middletown, New York, Stanley B. Johnson is the son of Horatio S. and Sarah (Blair) Johnson. His father was a merchant in Middletown.

Middletown schools furnished Stanley B. Johnson's early formal education. After completing his high school studies, he became a student at the Albany Law School, where he was graduated in 1923 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in 1923, he became associated with the law firm of Watts, Oaks and Bright, so continuing for a time. In 1924 he became associated with Clifford S. Beattie as claims attorney for the Lehigh & Hudson River Railway Company. In 1927 he practiced in Newburgh with Raphael Egan as a member of the law firm of Egan and Johnson. In 1932 he took up his own independent practice, in which he continues down to the time of writing.

He is a Republican in politics, and from 1929 to 1935 was Newburgh's corporation counsel. In 1943 Mr. Johnson became district attorney of Orange County, an office he continues to hold at the present time. During the World War period of 1917-18, he was in the Student Army Training Corps for three months, and for three

years he was a sergeant in the National Guard. He is a member of the Hook and Ladder Company, and is a member of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1097, of Middletown. He is a member of the Orange County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He also belongs to the Newburgh City Club. He is fond of trotting horses, and makes a hobby of these, regarding which he is particularly well informed.

Stanley B. Johnson married, December 12, 1927, in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, Ruth Culver.

EDMUND PETELINZ—Since leaving school in 1926, Edmund Petelinz has been active in the conduct of the Petelinz Dairy, of Newburgh, of which he has been a partner since his father's retirement in 1939.

Mr. Petelinz was born in December, 1910, in Newburgh, New York, son of Frank and Elizabeth (Derenda) Petelinz. His father came from Austria in 1908, and started his American career as a baker in Newburgh shortly thereafter. In 1910 he established the Petelinz Dairy, which he actively headed until his retirement in 1939. In those years he not only devoted himself wholeheartedly to the business pursuits that came under his direction, but aided his sons to gain a sound start in life. He still helps them from time to time with the work of the dairy, mainly because of the pressure of war time conditions.

Edmund Petelinz attended Newburgh public schools and upon completing his formal education he became actively connected with the Petelinz Dairy, beginning in 1926. At the time of his father's retirement, in 1939, as already noted, he became a partner in the organization in which he and two brothers and a sister share equally. This dairy was started in Newburgh in 1910 by his father, as indicated, and its growth has been steady. At the time of writing the Petelinz Dairy has a daily output of three thousand bottles of milk for the retail trade. Edmund Petelinz's brothers and sister who are associated with him in the business are: Frank Petelinz, Jr., born September 1, 1909, associated with the dairy throughout his active career; married Anita Yvonne Quellette and they have two children, David Franz and Margo; Martin Petelinz, born in 1914, also connected continuously with the dairy, a member of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and now serving in World War II as staff sergeant; and Mrs. Elizabeth (Petelinz) Sloan, who, in addition to her connection with the Petelinz Dairy, is associated also with the Sloan Dairy, of Newburgh, through her husband. Another sister, Elsie Petelinz, born in 1918, is the wife of Robert Newbert; but she is not connected with the Petelinz Dairy.

In addition to his other undertakings, Edmund Petelinz is actively interested in community affairs in New-

burgh. He is a member of the chamber of commerce of Newburgh and was a member of its labor committee, on which he represented the milk producers' group and is now a director of this organization. He is also a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In Newburgh, New York, in 1940, Edmund Petelinz married Ruth M. Early.

WILLIAM BROWN—With merchandising, William Brown of Nyack, Rockland County, has been identified for nearly a half century. His experience has extended into a variety of mercantile products, but for more than two decades he has operated what he aptly calls "The City Store in the Country." This enterprise which specializes in what may be termed house furnishings, if the word is given the widest meaning, is now known as William Brown & Son.

William Brown was born in Lithuania, Europe, on April 15, 1885, son of Abram and Esther Brown. He came to the United States in 1894 and as boy and young man engaged in the dry goods business on Long Island, New York. In 1906 he removed to Nyack, Rockland County, where he started a fruit business, continuing along this line until 1914. Then for four years he was connected with the liquor trade, and later a wholesale dealer in produce until 1922.

On May 21, 1922, he opened the store and business which under his own name became important in the commercial circles of eastern Rockland County. The venture has proved eminently successful and renders exceptional services to a wide clientele seeking furniture, floor coverings, bedding, radios, refrigerators, washing machines and similar goods. Since 1936, the concern has been William Brown & Son.

Mr. Brown, the elder, is active in many phases of Nyack and Rockland County affairs, so far as the rigorous demands of his business permit. Fraternally he has been affiliated with the Foresters of America since 1908, with the Knights of Pythias since 1925, and is a member of the chamber of commerce. He was one of the founders of the Congregation of Temple Israel in Nyack, and was very much to the fore in the movement that led to the building of the temple. He and his wife are leaders in charitable and humanitarian projects and generous in the support of endeavors undertaken for the benefit of the community. Mr. Brown is a former head of the Congregation of Temple Israel, and Mrs. Brown is president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

At Brooklyn, New York, in 1910, William Brown married Ida Pazfsky, of Gloversville, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Irving, born at Nyack, April 21, 1911, a graduate of the grade and high schools of Nyack, was associated in business with his father, and is now serving in the United States Army, World War II; he is a member of the Knights of



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Pythias; he married Gertrude Waks, of Nyack, and they have three children, all born at Nyack: Johann, Stanley and Leslie. 2. Ruth, a graduate of Nyack High School.

WILMARTH J. TUTHILL—One of Goshen's substantial citizens, Wilmarth J. Tuthill has carried on general farming and dairying work on an extensive scale, and since 1936 has been Goshen's postmaster.

Mr. Tuthill was born July 12, 1891, in Goshen, the county seat of Orange County, son of Joseph W. and Elizabeth (Thorne) Tuthill, of this county. His father, who was active in agricultural work, died in 1908. The mother passed away in 1899.

Wilmarth J. Tuthill attended public schools in Goshen, his birthplace, and later studied at the Eastman Business College. He was reared on a farm, and, after his father's death, he was called upon to conduct the home farm for a time. He was mainly engaged in dairying operations, which he conducted on a substantial scale. His appointment as postmaster came from President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936, and he has continued in this office down to the time of writing, and has brought his sound business and general experience into his work as organizer and head of the local postal system.

He is also a director of the National Bank of Orange County and of the Goshen Savings Bank. For six years he served as a supervisor of Goshen and is past secretary of the Goshen Rotary Club. Along with all these activities, Mr. Tuthill is a Past Master of Goshen Lodge, No. 365, Free and Accepted Masons, and he is an official board member and a trustee of the Methodist Church.

Wilmarth J. Tuthill married, April 9, 1919, May L. Lazear, of Warwick, New York, daughter of Wilbur and Jennie (Smith) Lazear, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Catherine L. Tuthill, wife of Leslie Akers, and they have one daughter, Anna Belle Akers. 2. Wilmarth J. Tuthill, Jr.

GEORGE LUFT, Jr.—In Goshen, George Luft, Jr., is recognized as a leading banker and business man, being cashier of the National Bank of Orange County. He has long been connected with this banking institution as assistant cashier and cashier, and his contribution to community life has been of great value.

Mr. Luft was born in Russia, son of George and Mary Luft. His father, who was born in 1854, is now retired from his active endeavors. The mother is deceased.

George Luft, Jr., was brought to the United States by his parents when he was very young, and he received his formal education in Goshen schools. At an early age he became interested in banking and finance, studying with the American Institute of Banking and then taking employment with the Goshen Savings Bank. He remained with that institution until 1925, then associated himself with the National Bank of Orange County, also in Goshen. As assistant cashier he rendered services of

outstanding value to this financial house, one of the oldest in the county. This bank was founded in 1812, being chartered as "The President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Orange County" in that year, with a capital of \$44,000. Each share of stock was given a par value of \$10. Later this figure was advanced to \$12.50 per share, and at the same time, in 1845, the capitalization went from \$44,000 to \$55,000. The capitalization figure went still higher in 1865, becoming \$110,000. Through the years many changes have taken place, but always some of the leading figures of Goshen and this vicinity of New York State have led in the bank's affairs. The present president of the bank is Herbert Senger (*q. v.*), under whose name, in this work, many more particulars of bank history are recounted. Charles S. Edsall is vice-president; Mr. Luft, cashier; and Meta H. Yerg, assistant cashier. The directors are: 1. Harold Houston, of Goshen; Joseph Merritt, of Goshen; F. W. Murray, Jr., of Tuxedo Park; H. S. Murray, of Woodmere, Long Island, who serves as the board's chairman; Mr. Senger, of Goshen; Murray Taylor, of Cobalt, Connecticut; and W. J. Tuthill, of Goshen.

Mr. Luft was advanced from assistant cashier to cashier on January 1, 1943, and at the same time was made a director of the bank. He is also intensely interested in public affairs, notably as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and past superintendent of the Sunday school.

In Goshen, New York, in 1927, George Luft, Jr., married Carolyn Coleman. They became the parents of two children: 1. William C., born in 1931. 2. Mary C., born in 1935.

ELLROY CHARLES HAND—For more than a score of years, Ellroy Charles Hand has been engaged in business at Red Hook as a funeral director. Since he first established the Hand Funeral Home, he has been continuously active in the field, and has become noted for the efficiency and appropriateness of his services. In recent years, Mr. Hand entered into another field closely allied to his original interest, for he began at Red Hook a monument business which he has operated since 1938. As a representative citizen of the town, Mr. Hand has been called upon to serve on several administrative boards. He is well known in the region, and is a member of numerous local social and fraternal organizations. In these he has been an enthusiastic member, engaging wholeheartedly in their activities and accepting responsible office.

Mr. Hand was born at East Durham, New York, on October 25, 1894, son of Whittlesey Edward and Cora (De Lamater) Hand. His father was a carpenter by trade, and had also been engaged as a funeral director.

Ellroy C. was a student in the public schools, and is a graduate of Windham High School. After completing his course there, he entered the Renouard Training School for Embalmers, at New York City. While a student at

this school of which he is a graduate, Mr. Hand mastered many of the fundamentals of his profession.

He became associated with the funeral business in Red Hook in September, 1923, at that time establishing the Hand Funeral Home. Fifteen years later, in 1938, he added to his business interests a firm engaged in the sale of monuments.

Mr. Hand was president of the board of education of the high school at Red Hook, and is also a school director of the town of Red Hook. During World War I he was a member of Company C, 335th Machine Gun Battalion, in the 87th Division. He served part of his time in France.

He is a member and secretary of the Second District Funeral Directors' Association, which covers Columbia, Dutchess and Putnam counties, and which is affiliated with the State and National associations. He is a member of the Red Hook Fire Company and of Red Hook Grange, No. 918. In this grange he has filled many of the chairs, including that of master, and at the present time is master of the degree team. He is also a member of Dutchess County Pomona Grange and is master of the degree team there. He is a member of Hendrick Hudson Lodge, No. 875, of Free and Accepted Masons, and has filled all the chairs including that of Master.

On April 3, 1919, at Catskill, Ellroy Charles Hand was married to Pearl Celia Joslyn, daughter of Frank and Lillie (Howard) Joslyn. Mrs. Hand was born at Oak Hill, New York, July 27, 1900. Her father was a blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. Hand are active together in the social and civic enterprises of Red Hook. Mrs. Hand is also active in the funeral business. She graduated from the Collier School of Embalming, New York City, and holds both a New York State undertakers' and embalmers' license.

They are the parents of two children: 1. Vivian Joyce, born at Ashland, New York, December 30, 1920. She graduated from Syracuse University in 1941, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. On April 16, 1943, during World War II, she enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps of the United States Army, which later became known as the WAC. 2. Maurice E., born June 5, 1924, at Red Hook. He was a student at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, for three years. On August 28, 1942, he enlisted in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army, continuing his studies at Drew University until he left for active duty March 6, 1943. He is now serving overseas in the Pacific area in the 3168th Signal Service Battalion of the United States Army. Mr. Hand and his son are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at Red Hook, in which the former is a trustee and secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Hand and the daughter, Vivian, are communicants of the Methodist Church.

LEE B. MAILLER—One of the outstanding citizens and civic leaders of Cornwall, Orange County, Lee

B. Mailler is widely known in the East for his connection with health service activities. He has represented his district in the New York State Assembly for a number of years, a member of important committees at the capitol, an official of a number of humanitarian agencies, and is superintendent of the Cornwall Hospital.

Mr. Mailler is a native of Cornwall, New York, born March 17, 1898, son of William H. and Sophia (Preston) Mailler, his mother also coming originally from Cornwall. His father, born at Mountainville, Orange County, New York, was for many years engaged in merchandising at Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York. He died August 18, 1929. The Mailler family came from Scotland in 1781 and settled in Mountainville, town of Cornwall, and their descendants have continued to live in this community. For his career Lee B. Mailler prepared comprehensively. He attended the local public schools, the Eastman-Gaines Business College, New York City, Middlebury College, Vermont, and New York University, New York City. All this time he was working in the direction of accountancy and business management. The First World War interfered for a year with his career, for he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to an infantry regiment branch of Fort Ethan Allen, located at Middlebury, Vermont, where he won promotion to the rank of corporal, before the Armistice. Returning to Cornwall and civilian life, his first employment of importance was as a cost accountant with the Newburgh Shipyards, Incorporated, and he then became chief accountant for Mead & Taft Company, Cornwall Landing, New York. This position he held for fifteen years. He also was associated with other firms prior to 1933, a momentous year in his life. In this year he was elected a member of the New York State Assembly, at Albany, and also was made superintendent of the Cornwall Hospital; both positions he has since filled most capably and has established a reputation far more than local or county in character.

Lee B. Mailler is chairman of the New York State Health Preparedness Commission, vice-chairman of New York State Commission on Medical Care, chief of the Emergency Medical Service, New York State, for the New York State War Council, special consultant to the United States Public Health Service, first vice-president of the Hospital Association of New York State, and is prominent in the New York State and the National Health associations. In the State Assembly, Mr. Mailler is chairman of the Banks Committee, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and the important Committee on Rules, and has sponsored or supported much progressive legislation. Along business lines he is a director of the Newburgh Savings & Loan Association, is treasurer and a director of the Highland Telephone Company of Monroe, New York, and a member of the board of trustees of the Storm King School, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a Past District Deputy of the Grand

Lodge of this order, and is also a member of Cornwall Post, No. 353, American Legion. Local clubs and organizations that undertake to promote the progress and betterment of his community are accorded his hearty support and frequent membership. He attends the Cornwall Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

At Poughkeepsie, New York, on July 18, 1936, Lee B. Mailler married Marion MacKenzie, formerly of Poughkeepsie, who is an alumna of Vassar College, class of 1939, with a Master's Degree in education from New York University. Mrs. Mailler is now serving her country in the present global war as a lieutenant (j. g.) in the Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), United States Navy, and is stationed at Hunter College, Bronx, New York.

GEORGE A. LEITNER, M. D.—For years Dr. George A. Leitner was one of the leading surgeons of this region of New York State. Practicing in Piermont, he had a clientele extending throughout Rockland County and beyond its borders, and was respected, honored and trusted for his many-sided contribution to the life of his times. He stood high in the regard of his professional colleagues and fellow-citizens, and was loved because of his delightful personal qualities and his excellent traits of character and mind.

Dr. Leitner was born September 14, 1865, in Piermont, Rockland County, New York, son of John and Christina Leitner. He attended the public school at Piermont, then went to St. John's College, Fordham University, New York City, where he received the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. On March 12, 1888, he was graduated in medicine from Bellevue Hospital Medical College as a Doctor of Medicine, and through 1888 and 1889 he was an interne at St. Francis' Hospital. In 1890 he began his practice of medicine in Piermont and vicinity. In 1892 he was elected coroner of Rockland County. From 1891 onward he was health officer of the town of Orangetown, so serving for forty-six years until the close of his life. Among his other public services, Dr. Leitner was a member of the Piermont Board of Trustees and the local board of education.

As a physician, and particularly as a surgeon, he became widely known throughout both Rockland and Bergen counties, and for a quarter of a century he was Rockland County's delegate to the New York State Medical Society's conventions. He belonged to this society, as well as to the Rockland County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was at one time president of the county group. In 1928 he received, without examination, the degree of fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. Aside from carrying forward his own private practice, Dr. Leitner was chief surgeon of Nyack Hospital throughout most of its history, and served on its board of managers. He helped to establish the Summit Park Sanatorium, and served on the hospital

board. He was attending physician to several institutions, including St. Agnes' Convent, Sparkill; St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt; the German Masonic Home, Tappan; and several school districts and industrial plants. Dr. Leitner was especially loved among the poorer people of his district, whom he served unceasingly and generously, waving aside their apologies for not being able to pay what his services merited. Even in court he championed these people, often appearing at sessions of the Compensation Court on behalf of a claimant and delighting the referees and lawyers by his answers to incautious questions of insurance attorneys.

At all times his medical work, the call of suffering humanity, constituted his first interest. This work was his profession, his diversion, his recreation, his relaxation. He usually devoted eighteen of the day's twenty-four hours to his professional duties, spending much of his time at the hospital and doing much to hold high the standards of its equipment and facilities and to obtain for it needed rooms and other items. Of his professional contribution, Dr. John C. Dingman, of Spring Valley, said: "He was one of my warmest personal friends and a great surgeon. I am confident that the Nyack Hospital organization, after it recovers from the shock of his death, will carry on the work which he has headed so nobly. He had a remarkable combination of a forceful personality and the ability to make and hold friends and to dominate any group of which he was a party. He will be very greatly missed in Rockland County."

Aside from Dr. Leitner's service to medicine, he concerned himself with many other aspects of the life of his community and his times. He was fond of baseball and active in the sport during the prime days of the Nyack Baseball Club in 1886. He played on Fordham's Rose Hill team in the eighties and was a member of the Indianapolis National League team in 1887. Dr. Leitner pitched his first two games for Indianapolis against the New York "Giants" at the old Polo Grounds, winning against "Smiling Mickey" Welch by an 8 to 4 score in the first and losing the second game, 2 to 0, to the equally famous Tim Keefe, though he allowed only four hits. His professional ball career was shortened, however, by his father's insistence that he return home to finish his college term. The Nyack Baseball Club of 1886 was a team for the county to be enthusiastic about, defeating the New York "Giants" with Tim Keefe in the box, the "Cuban Giants" and other crack teams of the period. In his religious faith he was a devout Catholic.

At his death, May 18, 1937, at the Medical Center, New York City, Dr. George A. Leitner's services were fittingly held at Sparkill Convent, in the midst of people with whom he had shared the toils and difficulties inseparable from the development of the many and varied interests of child welfare. Many friends, colleagues and acquaintances paid high tribute to Dr. Leitner, who, in the opinion of those who knew him best, might easily have been on the

staffs of some of the country's foremost colleges and hospitals had he not chosen to remain the simple "country doctor." His diagnostic and surgical feats attracted the attention of specialists of high standing in the profession.

A newspaper editorialist wrote as follows:

No native of the county was better loved or more highly respected than Dr. Leitner. No one has done more to make the country go forward than he. Not only in his own home community was he active in every movement for betterment; his interest in the Nyack Hospital and the Rockland County Sanatorium and convents was even greater.

HARRY A. MARVEL—The third member of his family in the direct male line to be associated with a single shipyard at Newburgh, Harry A. Marvel entered upon his association with this firm immediately after having completed his formal education here. Mr. Marvel's grandfather, Thomas S. Marvel, came to Newburgh in 1835 and started in the shipbuilding business here. His son, Thomas S., Jr., continued in that business with his father until 1864 after which the son carried on the business alone until 1876 when he was associated with Ward Stanton & Company, shipbuilders, of Newburgh. In 1885 he formed a partnership with John Delany under the name of T. S. Marvel & Company, continuing thus until 1904, when he purchased Mr. Delany's interest and incorporated under the name of T. S. Marvel Shipbuilding Company. Upon his death in 1916, the company was dissolved and Harry A. Marvel now conducts a shipbuilding business under his own name, employing as high as two hundred men. In addition to this primary business affiliation, he has been closely associated with financial affairs throughout the Newburgh district, and is looked upon as one of the most influential of the city's business leaders. Well known here, he is a member of civic, social and business organizations of the city.

Mr. Marvel was born on July 22, 1865, on Staten Island, New York, son of Thomas S. and Harriet (Burns) Marvel. As stated above his father was a shipbuilder by profession, and his grandfather also named Thomas S. Marvel, was the first of the family to enter into the shipbuilding business at Newburgh.

Harry A. Marvel moved to Newburgh with his parents as a child, and attended the public schools here, receiving there the customary general education. When he had completed his academic studies, he immediately became employed in the shipyard here. There he continued in association with his father until the death of the latter in 1916, when Mr. Marvel took over control of the business. Mr. Marvel is a trustee of the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, of New York City, and of the chamber of commerce, at Newburgh. He is a charter member of the Newburgh Yacht Club, and is a member of Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics, Mr. Marvel has been associated with the Republican party.

On October 6, 1892, at Cornwall, New York, Harry A. Marvel was married to Katherine Vought, daughter of Nathan C. and Elizabeth (Lent) Vought. They are the parents of one daughter, Harriet, who attended the Glen Eden School. She married William A. Thomas, a professional engineer of Riverside, Connecticut, and they have two children: 1. Barry, aged eighteen and now in the United States Navy. 2. Richard, aged sixteen. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Marvel are communicants of the Union Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Marvel serves as an elder, and are active together in the social and civic enterprises of their home community.

HENRY L. SCHIPP—In Ellenville, Henry L. Schipp has effectively served local people and institutions, not alone in the sphere of business activity, in which he has for years been prominent, but in civic life. He is now Ellenville's mayor.

Mr. Schipp was born July 29, 1897, in Maspeth, Long Island, New York, son of Francis A. and Charlotte J. (Daley) Schipp, who are now deceased. His father was active in business life.

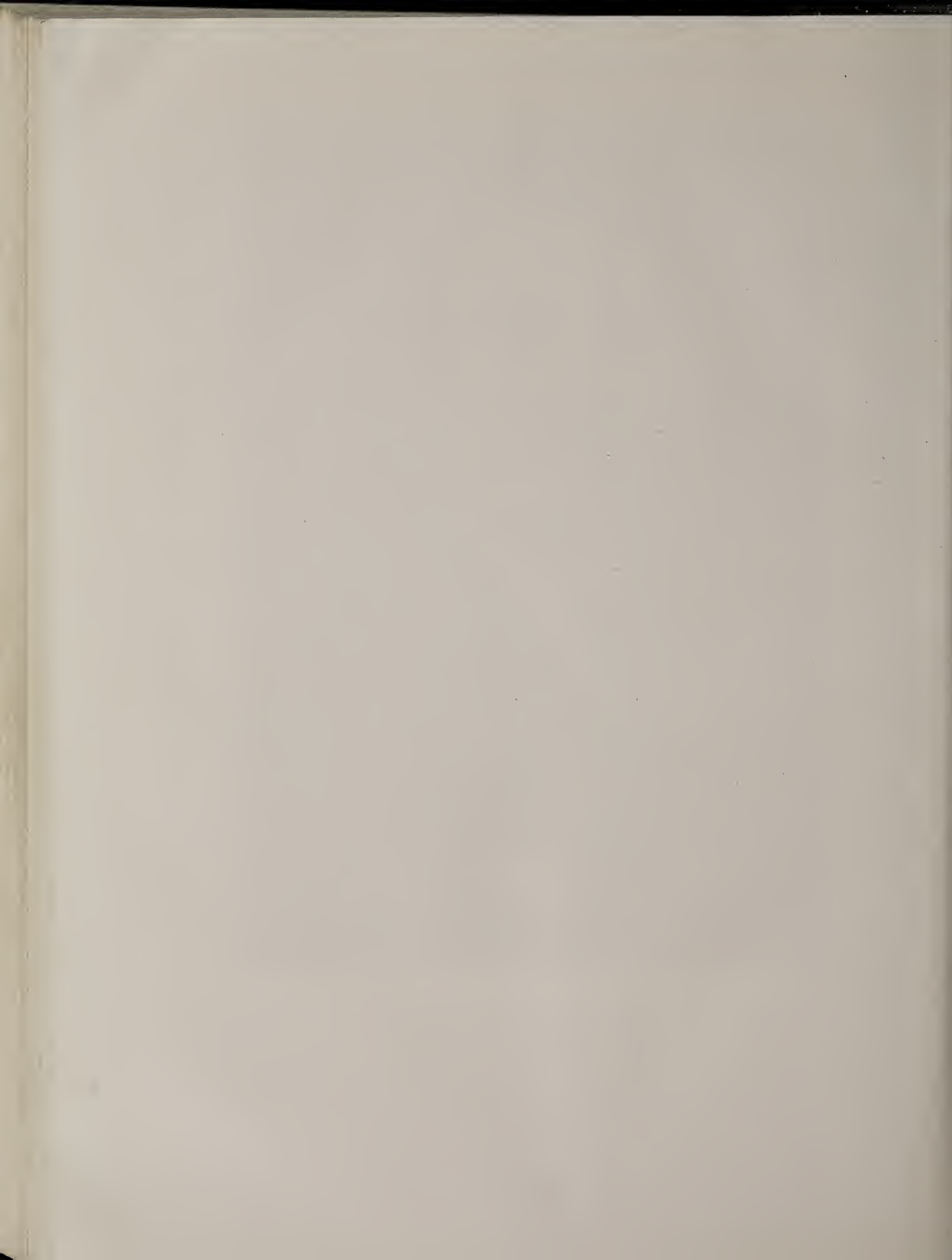
Public schools of Maspeth provided Henry L. Schipp's early formal education, and he early turned his attention to the hotel business. He was connected with several famous hostelrys in New York and the mountains, serving as wine steward and holding other responsible positions. In 1921 he came to Ellenville, here to buy the eating establishment that came to be widely known as the "Schipp Diner." It is one of the best known "diners" in this region of the State, and as its proprietor Mr. Schipp has made a substantial contribution to Ellenville life. On the side of his business undertakings, Mr. Schipp also operated Schipp's Express, between Ellenville and Kingston for six and one-half years, while conducting the diner that bears his name.

For years Mr. Schipp has been active in civic affairs here. Since 1933 he has been active in Ellenville Democratic politics, serving as police commissioner and fire commissioner, then as a village trustee. He is now mayor of the community, and as chief executive officer of the municipal government he has made a notable contribution to Ellenville. During the First World War he served his country as a private in the army. Fraternally Mr. Schipp is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, now being senior steward of his lodge, and he is active, too, in the Royal Arch Chapter. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a past commander of his post of the American Legion. In the Protestant Episcopal Church he is a vestryman and is superintendent of the Sunday school, and a licensed lay reader of the Diocese of New York and is recognized as a leading layman.

In Ellenville, New York, in April, 1923, Henry L. Schipp married Elinor Agnes Unverzagt. They have one child, Carroll H. Schipp, born in 1926, now serving in the United States Navy.



Henry L. Lipp



REV. PHILIP SIDNEY WATTERS—Two generations of the Watters family, father and son, have achieved distinction in The Christ and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both likewise have been or are educators. The elder man was best known for his activities as the president of the Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. The Rev. Philip Sidney Watters has for three decades been identified with the ministry and education in northern New Jersey and southeastern New York. He is the president of Drew Seminary for Young Women at Carmel, New York.

Philip Sidney Watters was born at Dobbs Ferry, New York, February 4, 1890, son of Dr. Philip Melancthon Watters and his wife the former Ada Stowell, both of whom were educators at one time, the mother prior to her marriage, the latter as president of Gammon Theological Seminary, at Atlanta, Georgia, from 1914 to 1925. He was held in high esteem in his denomination for his leadership in educational and clerical activities.

Their son of this record was prepared to enter college at Kingston Academy, Kingston, New York, and the high school at Yonkers, same State. Matriculating at Princeton University, he was graduated with the class of 1910, a Bachelor of Arts, and the valedictorian of his large class, and a Phi Beta Kappa. He was not only an exceptional student at Princeton but engaged in a wide variety of campus activities, being a member of the Glee Club, the Triangle Club, the Varsity Debating Team, and likewise was managing editor of "The Nassau Literary Magazine"; vice-president of the Philadelphia Society, member of the Senior Council and also of the Dial Lodge. Entering Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, New Jersey, he was graduated in 1913, a Bachelor of Divinity, and in 1918 earned the degree Master of Arts in Education from New York University, having studied under the noted Dr. Herman H. Horne.

Ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Philip Sidney Watters filled the following pastorates: Assistant at Centenary Church, Newark, New Jersey, 1913; Tenafly and Demarest, 1914; Port Jervis, New York, 1918; Madison, New Jersey, 1921; Plainfield, 1927; and at White Plains (New York) Memorial Church, in 1930. On May 1, 1943, he became president of the Drew Seminary for Young Women, at Carmel, Putnam County, New York.

While pastor in Madison, New Jersey, Dr. Watters was lecturer on hymnology at Drew Theological Seminary. He has been secretary and later chairman of the commission on worship and music of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been secretary of the committee on worship of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America since the formation of the committee under the late Bishop Thirkield. He has twice been the president and later the corresponding secretary of the Hymn Society of America. He is a member of the Mahopac-Carmel Rotary Club.

At Yorktown Heights, New York, September 3, 1914,

Rev. Philip Sidney Watters married Grace Catharine Briggs, daughter of Franklin H. and Angeline (Knapp) Briggs, formerly of Rochester, New York. Mrs. Watters is a graduate of Smith College, where she was active in leadership of the Smith College Association of Christian Work. From 1941 to 1945 she was the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the New York Conference of the Methodist Church. While in White Plains she was president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and vice-president of the Young Women's Christian Association, and active in the College Club. Rev. and Mrs. Watters are the parents of three children: 1. Catharine Elizabeth, born July 8, 1918; a graduate of Wells College, class of 1938; she married Walter Phillips Davison, and they have one daughter, Catharine Hollett Davison, born in August, 1942. 2. Philip Sidney, Jr., born May 10, 1920, a graduate of Wesleyan University, in 1942, now an undergraduate at Union Theological Seminary. 3. Dorothy Briggs, born May 31, 1922, who was graduated from Wells College in 1943.

CHAUNCEY H. McLEAN—It is an interesting but probably unimportant coincidence that Chauncey H. McLean of Wallkill, Ulster County, New York, was born a couple of years prior to the Spanish-American War; served an unusually long time in the United States Navy during World War I, and at the present writing is active in the various civilian works that back the global war of 1943. He is the postmaster of Wallkill, one of its leading citizens who always throws the weight of his influence upon the side of progress and right in municipal, community and humanitarian projects.

He was born at Crawford, New York, May 29, 1896, a son of Edward and Iola May (Roosa) McLean. Reared on a farm, and an agriculturalist in early years, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1917 and served on the seas until 1919. Like many of those who "go down to the seas" he retained his desire to be the owner of a place of his own in the country where he could cultivate the soil and be "master of all he surveyed." Such was not to be his lot, however, for from 1919 to 1933, Chauncey McLean was engaged in the contracting business in Wallkill. Then he was appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as postmaster of the village, and in 1940 was confirmed in his post under Civil Service regulation.

That postmaster and contractor Chauncey McLean has been a very busy man for a number of years, engaged in vocations that take him away from the land, has not prevented him from accumulating farm properties in Ulster and neighboring counties. His organizational connections are few, but he is a member of the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, of the Wallkill Gun Club, of which he is president (1945), and the Dutch Reformed Church. He is a member and commander (1945) of Roose Sheeley Post, No. 1034, of the American Legion.

He supports local charitable and religious endeavors, and is always ready to lend a hand to the poor, the underprivileged and the young in their struggle to obtain ambitions. His particular hobbies are hunting and fishing.

On October 5, 1918, at Wallkill, New York, Chauncey H. McLean married Vivian B. Runions, of Canton, New York, daughter of Oscar J. and Mable (Steinhour) Runions.

DOUGLAS ROY GORDON, M. D.—With the medical profession, Dr. Douglas Roy Gordon has been identified for more than two decades, an eminent practitioner of far more than local repute. He is medical superintendent of the Estelle and Walter C. O'Dell Memorial Sanatorium, at Newburgh, Orange County, and consulting physician on diseases of the chest, with St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, and also the Cornwall Hospital, Cornwall, New York.

He was born at Beacon, New York, December 18, 1890, son of Robert L. and Theresa Emma (Smith) Gordon. His father, born at Astoria, Long Island, of Scotch ancestry, became the superintendent of the Matteawan Manufacturing Company, at Beacon. His mother was a native of Milford, Pennsylvania. After being prepared for higher education at Thayer Academy, Braintree, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1912, Dr. Gordon entered Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, where he received a degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1916. Dr. Gordon enlisted in the Medical Corps Reserve of the United States Army for World War I service, but without ever being assigned to duty overseas. He completed his professional studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York City, and in 1921 became a Doctor of Medicine of this institution. His college fraternity is Kappa Sigma, and his professional fraternity, Phi Rho Sigma. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

On November 4, 1933, in New York City, Douglas Roy Gordon, M. D., married Katherine Lawler, daughter of Philip and Maria Lawler.

ABRAM ELMENDORF JANSEN—The son of a farmer, Abram Elmendorf Jansen of New Paltz, Ulster County, followed in the vocation of his father and carried on to great heights. He was a pioneer of organized fruit growing in the county, and was one of its foremost horticulturists. He also had been connected with finance for four years, being a bank director, and never failed his responsibilities as a substantial citizen.

Mr. Jansen was born at Wawarsing, New York, June 14, 1858, son of Moses and Maria (Elmendorf) Jansen, and was educated in local schools. He learned the rudiments of agriculture on his father's farm, and was still a very young man when he purchased a place of almost a hundred acres near New Paltz. He early had realized

the special fitness of this section of the county for fruit growing and down the years increased his planting of trees, and some small fruits until he had forty acres in fruits. He had the first commercial orchard of McIntosh apples in the United States. He was one of the first to foresee that for the best results growers must coöperate in their business, particularly in the sale of products if generous profits were to be made. The fruit growers were persuaded to combine their activities, and fruit growing was established on a firm basis in this section of Southeastern New York.

In more recent years, Mr. Jansen had been a director of the Huguenot National Bank of New Paltz, a man in financial circles whose judgment and counsel were valued by everyone who knew him well. In civic affairs he was active as a member of the Paltz Club, and had been president of the Huguenot Memorial Society, both in New Paltz, and was identified with the Kingston Kiwanis Club. By reason of notable ancestry he was a member of the descendants of the New Paltz Patentees, a retired member of the Holland Society, a popular figure in the Ulster County Historical Society, and a life member of the Elting Memorial Library Association. Fraternally, Mr. Jansen was affiliated with the Adonai Lodge, No. 718, Free and Accepted Masons, of Highland, and a past master of the Huguenot Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of New Paltz. Over a long period he was a member and elder of the Dutch Reformed Church, of New Paltz.

On December 8, 1886, Abram Elmendorf Jansen married Rachel A. Sprague, daughter of William Henry and Margaret (Freer) Sprague, farming people of Ulster County. Mr. and Mrs. Jansen were the parents of a daughter, Margaret, who married Howard E. Van Winkle, of Stone Ridge, and their children are: 1. Elizabeth, a student at Cornell University. 2. Howard E., Jr., in the United States Army, World War II. 3. Jane, attending Junior High School, at New Paltz. 4. Ann, also attending local high school.

Upon the passing of Abram Elmendorf Jansen, on January 30, 1944, an editor paid the following tribute:

Abram E. Jansen of New Paltz, first fruit grower in the United States to have a commercial orchard of McIntosh apples, died Sunday night in the Kingston Hospital, after a four weeks' illness. He was eighty-six years old.

The son of Moses and Maria Elmendorf Jansen, he was interested in horticulture from a child up, and seemed to have a magic touch for everything he attempted to grow. His flower garden is one of the show places in Ulster County.

Mr. Jansen for years had one of the finest orchards of McIntosh apples in the world, and was one of the most successful applegrowers in the State. He had been an active member and a past president of the Ulster County Farm Bureau.

During his long and useful life, Mr. Jansen had many opportunities to be of service to his fellowmen, and few men more fully lived up to these opportunities. Always



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he was public-spirited, charitable and helpful of those in need. From any point of vantage his career was exemplary and inspiring.

DANIEL BECKER—During his tenure of a decade as judge of the City Court of Newburgh, Orange County, Daniel Becker has established a reputation for ability as a jurist and attorney. Although a young man who early in his career was admitted to the bar, he has been noteworthy for a mature and humane interest in those who constantly pass before him while he is seated on the bench, and for his endeavors to reclaim persons and characters rather than in the application of justice as punishment for wrongs committed. Sound judgment and humanitarianism have been blended with the protection of the public from the hopelessly perverse and criminally-minded individual. It is hardly necessary to point out that he is a man of wide interests, active and prominent in many phases of life.

Judge Becker is a native and almost lifelong resident of Newburgh, New York, receiving his formal education in its schools, and practicing the profession of law within its limits. He was born February 1, 1905, in the city, son of William and Bessie (Freese) Becker, his father being a retired business man. After attending the elementary schools, Daniel Becker was graduated from the Newburgh Free Academy, and matriculated at the law school of the New York University. Admitted to the bar in 1928 he established himself in a general practice of his profession in Newburgh. With the passing years he has more and more specialized in trial work.

From 1929 to 1932, Daniel Becker was a justice of the peace, in Newburgh. Elected city judge, in 1933, and twice reelected he resigned in January, 1945, when he was appointed corporation counsel of the city of Newburgh. By exceptional achievements he has won a place in the public mind that promises elevation to higher judicial posts. He has never rested content with progress made, but constantly broadens his knowledge of the law and the horizons of his thought by memberships in such professional organizations as the Newburgh City Bar Association, of which he is a former president and recent member of the executive committee; New York State Magistrates Association, a member of its executive committee; Orange County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association; the Association of the Bar, City of New York, and the Hudson-Highland Bar Association. In civic affairs he is much to the fore as former chairman of the Newburgh Chapter of the American Red Cross, and present member of its board of directors; past chairman of the local draft board, No. 303; executive member of Newburgh War Council, past president and director of the Newburgh Public Health and Tuberculosis Association; and a former president of the Newburgh Community Fund. Judge Becker is fraternally affiliated with the Free and Ac-

cepted Masons, a Past Master of Kerem Lodge, and member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Lodge No. 247, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler. He is a member of the Lions Club, of which he is a former president; a former vice-president of the chamber of commerce; past president of the Young Republican Club; a member of the Boy Scouts of America, and a life member of the Newburgh Free Academy Alumni. His favorite sport is bowling, in which he is unusually skilled and at one time was president of the Newburgh Bowling Association. He is a member of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and Temple Beth Jacob.

On December 20, 1934, at Brooklyn, New York, Daniel Becker married Marguerite E. Davis, daughter of Charles and Harriet (Krack) Davis. Mrs. Becker is an active member of the American Red Cross.

JOHN A. RILEY—For many years prominent in the wholesale grocery business, John A. Riley is a member of the firm of G. E. Howard & Company, of Newburgh, one of the oldest establishments of its kind in southeastern New York State.

Mr. Riley was born February 11, 1897, in Newburgh, New York, son of Peter F. and Margaret (McDonald) Riley, of Newburgh. His father died in 1924, the mother in 1900.

John A. Riley attended public and parochial schools in Newburgh, his birthplace, and later studied at a business college. Entering the wholesale grocery business as an associate in the G. E. Howard & Company, of Newburgh, he became an important influence in the upbuilding of this organization. The firm was originally known as Hilton & Howard, having been founded under that name in 1894. In 1904, after ten years of successful operation and growth, the present title of G. E. Howard & Company was adopted, the owners being G. E. Howard (*q. v.*), John A. Riley, W. B. Shields and B. U. Lawson. G. E. Howard & Company's operations now extend over Sullivan, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and a part of Westchester counties, and the company is one of the oldest and most important in the wholesale grocery business in this area. They employ more than forty people, and have a fleet of large trucks for transportation purposes. Their property includes two large warehouses, and they have sixty thousand square feet of floor space.

In addition to his work as a partner in this company, Mr. Riley takes a lively interest in community affairs in Newburgh. He has for many years been active in the chamber of commerce and the City Club here, and his popularity has grown with the years. He has never sought public office or preferment, but has stood squarely behind worth-while measures that he has considered of benefit to the district in which he lives. During the World War of 1914-18 he had a brief period of service, during which he was stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary.

In 1924 John A. Riley married Anna R. Fitzpatrick, of Newburgh, New York. They became the parents of four children: 1. Nadine, born in 1926, graduated from the Mount St. Mary's Academy. 2. Patricia M., born in 1928. 3. Peter F., born in 1930. 4. John A., Jr., born in 1933.

CHESTER J. BROWN—Long a druggist at Newburgh, and a prominent member of local civic groups and commissions, Chester J. Brown continued operation of the Medical Hall Pharmacy here until May 1, 1940, when he was appointed to the position of postmaster of Newburgh, which he continues to hold at the present time. Long associated with community affairs of the city of Newburgh, Postmaster Brown has been an active worker in the local organization of the Democratic party, and has served as mayor of Newburgh. He is well known throughout this district, and is a member of several local social and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Brown was born at Trout River, Franklin County, New York, on July 26, 1880, son of John R. and Mary (Martin) Brown.

It was in Quebec that Chester J. Brown grew up and received his early education. Then he matriculated at the College of Pharmacy, in Albany, and completed his preparation there. He was assistant manager of the A. M. Knowlson drug store for one year. In May of 1906, he came to Newburgh, here to acquire the DuBois Pharmacy, and continued to operate this store for a number of years, selling it in 1919 in order to enter into another branch of the drug industry. For years Mr. Brown was interested in the manufacture of drugs and chemicals. He again entered the retail drug field, opening a drug store at Newburgh, known as the Medical Hall Pharmacy. Here he continued as sole owner until May 1, 1940, and then was appointed to the position of postmaster of Newburgh, which he continues to hold at the present time.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Brown has long been active in the local affairs of this party and of the Newburgh community. He was elected mayor of the city on the Democratic ticket, and served in that capacity from 1932 to 1936. His social affiliations at Newburgh include membership in the Pastime Athletic Club, and in Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, of the Free and Accepted Masons.

On June 12, 1907, at Malone, Chester J. Brown was married to Florence Louise Saunders. They are communicants of the Church of Our Father, in which Mr. Brown has served as president for thirty years, and are active together in the civic and social enterprises of the city of Newburgh. They are the parents of two sons: 1. Francis D., who was born in 1911. He attended Newburgh High School, Union University, and Albany

Medical College, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then opened a private hospital at Hobart, New York. He is now serving as a captain in the United States Army Medical Corps, in Paris, France. He married Frances Foot, of Hobart, New York, and they are the parents of two children, Beverly and Bonnie. 2. David S., who was born in 1913. He attended Newburgh High School, Union University, and the University of Pennsylvania, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He is now serving as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. He married Frances MacCullough, of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Mary Susan.

LYNN W. HATHEWAY—For many years Lynn W. Hatheway has been one of Newburgh's leading business men. He is manager of the Newburgh division of the Crowley Milk Company, of this city, which is widely known as being one of the largest in the region.

Mr. Hatheway was born May 22, 1884, in Oriskany Falls, New York, son of Harry H. and Ida (Davison) Hatheway. His father, who was a manufacturer, was born in Deansboro, New York, October 1, 1855, and died March 13, 1927. His mother was born in Canisteo, New York, August 22, 1859, and died August 22, 1922.

Public schools of Oriskany Falls, his birthplace, provided Lynn W. Hatheway's early formal education. He spent four years thereafter at Cazenovia Seminary, then had special courses at Columbia University, attending the School of Business Administration at that institution of learning. When he completed his formal studies, he entered his father's employ. His father was then president of the firm of Hatheway & Reynolds, manufacturers of sweaters and bathing suits. At one time that company was the largest of its kind in the world. In 1927, at the death of his father, and at Lynn W. Hatheway's own request, the business was sold. For three years thereafter he traveled extensively in all parts of the world. In 1931 Mr. Hatheway was employed by the Crowley Milk Company as manager of its Newburgh division, and he continues to hold this position down to the time of writing.

In addition to his work with this one company, Mr. Hatheway has at all times taken a lively interest in the business community. He is a director of the Columbus Trust Company in Newburgh; is a member and an active worker in the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and is a past president of the Kiwanis Club. He is a leading fraternalist in Newburgh, belonging to Sanger Lodge, No. 129, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and has many other affiliations. His father, incidentally, was a thirty-third degree Mason. During the World War period of 1917-18 Lynn W. Hatheway was a first lieutenant in the army, and he is still active in the



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American Legion, belonging to Augusta Post, No. 569, and was its charter commander. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

On August 30, 1905, in Oriskany Falls, New York, Lynn W. Hatheway married Mabel Hager, daughter of Charles H. and Ida (Close) Hager. They became the parents of a son, Harvey H. Hatheway, who completed his preliminary education, then became a student at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937. In 1940 he was graduated from the School of Architecture and Design of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At the time of writing Harvey H. Hatheway is a lieutenant in the United States Navy. He married Jean Prince, and they became the parents of two daughters, Kate Hatheway, who was born April 24, 1940, and Jeanette Hatheway, born January 13, 1944.

JOHN B. GREGORY—It has been said that "newspaper men are born and not made by circumstances or environment." John B. Gregory, founder of journals in the Central Hudson Valley section of New York, was by choice and qualifications a true representative of the Fourth Estate. He discovered relatively early the work he liked best, and always was that regular sort of man, keen in intelligence and human sympathy, with a vivid sense of the realities of life, who thoroughly enjoyed the chronicling of the events of the day, and expressing his ideas and sentiments concerning them.

He was born at Stamford, New York, January 18, 1872, son of Samuel and Julia (Adams) Gregory, both of whom bore names known in American affairs since Colonial times. John B. Gregory learned the printer's trade and served an apprenticeship at reporting with the old "Mirror-Recorder" of his birth town. His first major enterprise was the founding of the "Fleischmanns Herald," in the small village of Fleischmanns. It was a larger adventure when in 1908 he came to Monroe, New York, to establish the "Monroe Gazette." To this publication he gave the best of his energies, wisdom and endeavors for the years still remaining to him. He died in 1920, a man greatly beloved, a "first citizen" of the town, who had served it well in a variety of activities.

Mr. Gregory was a Republican in party allegiance, and was a justice of the peace for many years. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He attended the Methodist Episcopal Church and was liberal in his support of religious, charitable and humanitarian works and organizations. Upon his demise the "Monroe Gazette," became the responsibility of his four children, of whom later. It may be stated that at the present writing (1943) Mrs. Alice M. (Gregory) Van Keuren is the editor of this thirty-five year old paper.

At Stamford, New York, on June 27, 1894, John B. Gregory married Rosa M. Rogers, daughter of Patrick and Jane (Foster) Rogers. Mrs. Gregory died in October, 1939, having been in charge of the "Monroe Gazette" after the death of her husband in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were the parents of four children: 1. Howard R. 2. Alice, who married Dr. O. I. Van Keuren, and is the present editor of the newspaper founded by her father. 3. Norman W., who saw service in World War II. 4. Winifred J.

JAMES JOSEPH FLANAGAN—As president of the Columbus Trust Company, James Joseph Flanagan came to occupy a place of leadership and high standing in Newburgh.

Mr. Flanagan was born November 15, 1876, in Montgomery, New York, son of John H. and Alice (Shields) Flanagan. His father, a market gardener in Newburgh for many years, became an organizer and director of the Columbus Trust Company.

Public schools of Newburgh provided James Joseph Flanagan's early formal education. He studied also at the Spencerian Business College, in this city. On March 1, 1893, he came to the Columbus Trust Company, his father's bank, in which he had, since then, held every position from clerk to the presidency, until his death, October 7, 1944. For a number of years he was treasurer. Then, in 1926, he was elected to his final post as head of the institution. As president of the Columbus Trust Company, Mr. Flanagan was able to take an important and valuable rôle in the life of the community, aiding in the financing of many worthy enterprises. He was at one time president of the Orange County Bankers Association.

He was also one of the organizers of the Newburgh Community Fund, of which he was made treasurer at its inception. Continuing as its treasurer down to the time of his death, Mr. Flanagan was here able to draw most helpfully upon his banking experience, to the lasting benefit of the community. In civic affairs he always took a lively interest and served for several years on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. A Republican in politics, Mr. Flanagan was a school trustee of Newburgh. He was a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus, and was a charter member of the Newburgh Kiwanis Club. Gardening and the cultivation of flowers were his major relaxation.

On October 19, 1904, in Newburgh, New York, James Joseph Flanagan married Margaret Kennedy, daughter of William K. and Bridget (Arahill) Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan became the parents of three children: 1. Catherine, graduated from Mount St. Mary's Academy, the New Paltz Teachers' College and from Columbia University, with the Bachelor of Arts degree; now an English teacher in Newburgh Academy. 2. Helen, at-

tended the College of New Rochelle, Columbia University and New York University, receiving the Bachelor of Science degree from the College of New Rochelle at graduation; now teacher of domestic science at Newburgh High School. 3. James Joseph, Jr., a graduate of Notre Dame University.

C. FRED FOWLER—Active in Walden financial life, C. Fred Fowler is secretary and a director of the Walden Insurance Agency and also holds offices in other local institutions.

Mr. Fowler was born in 1879 in Walden, New York, son of Nicholas Jansen and Elizabeth M. Fowler. His father was a hardware merchant until the close of his life, and was at the time of his passing one of the oldest residents of Walden. The mother is also deceased.

Walden public schools provided C. Fred Fowler's early formal education, and he had two years of study at Pratt Institute. He was engaged in the electric light and telephone business until 1928, when he entered insurance as secretary and a director of the Walden Insurance Agency. He continues in this position down to the time of writing, and, in addition, is now secretary-treasurer of the Walden Federal Savings & Loan Association, and, until January, 1945, president of the First National Bank & Trust Company. He is also a trustee of the Walden Savings Bank.

Formerly Mr. Fowler was president of the Walden Rotary Club. He is a member of the Orange County Golf Club, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the First Reformed Church.

In Walden, New York, C. Fred Fowler married Ethel Clineman. They have a son, Joseph M. Fowler, born in 1931.

ROY C. KETCHAM—Business life and farming have occupied the major attention of Roy C. Ketcham, who is known far and wide in the Fishkill area.

Mr. Ketcham was born October 14, 1905, in East Fishkill, New York, son of Thomas and Cassie L. (Conklin) Ketcham, who are now deceased. His father was engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Roy C. Ketcham attended public schools in the town of East Fishkill, and high school in Beacon, New York. He then, for a few years, worked on his aunt's farm in East Fishkill. In 1929 he established the De Soto and Plymouth agency in Fishkill, also dealers for the International Harvester farm equipment here, and this business has continued to date under the name of Ketcham's Garage, where in normal times eighteen people are employed. Prior to conducting this automobile agency, Mr. Ketcham was associated with the Van Voorhis Brothers Lumber Company. He built up a prosperous and satisfying business, and was recognized as one of Fishkill's leading citizens and business men at the time of this country's entry into the present war, late in 1941. Since

that time, however, conditions have led him to devote a portion of his time and attention to handling the affairs of the family farm in East Fishkill.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Ketcham concerns himself with a number of public duties. At the time of writing he serves as president of the town board of education, Wappingers Central School District. He is a director of the Fishkill Savings Institute and is active in other business enterprises. Mr. Ketcham has been chairman for all five drives for the town of East Fishkill for the United States Treasury War Bond drives. He is a member of the Beacon Kiwanis Club, the Grange, the Improved Order of Red Men and Lodge No. 283 of the Free and Accepted Masons. His favorite recreation is found in the game of golf. He belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church and Men's Southern Dutchess Country Club.

On June 5, 1929, in Fishkill, New York, Roy C. Ketcham married Marion L. Conley, daughter of William Conley and Jeannette (Keller) Conley. They became the parents of two daughters: 1. Shirley Jean Ketcham, born April 21, 1930. 2. Patricia Ketcham, born March 1, 1932.

ALICE EMILY BOGERT DeBAUN—In her devoted identification with patriotic and genealogical societies, Alice Emily Bogert DeBaun of Spring Valley, Rockland County, New York, has been a vital influence in keeping alive the traditions of the past and in invoking the spirit of our forefathers for the inspiration of present day Americans. Personally she has twelve Revolutionary War ancestors accepted by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and her work as an organizer and leader of ancestral and patriotic groups has received far wider than local acclaim.

Mrs. DeBaun was born Alice Emily Bogert, at Pearl River, Rockland County, New York, daughter of Albert Osborn Bogert, M. D., and his wife Mary Clementine (Everett) Bogert, natives of Rockland, Maine. She is the descendant of the Rev. Robert Jordan, one of the early settlers in Maine, 1639; also of the Rev. Guiliam Bertholf, organizer of the First Dutch Reformed churches in the Hudson Valley, 1686, and of the Demarest family of Bergen County, New Jersey, whose name occurs in the history of this section from as early as 1662. The Bogert line descendants of Cornelius Bougaert, who settled at Flatlands, Long Island, in about 1640, later removed to Hackensack, New Jersey, and he was one of the founders of the Dutch Reformed Church here on the green. Mrs. DeBaun's great-great-grandfather, David A. Bogert, became a resident of Rockland County, New York, in about 1770, where he was a prominent citizen, justice of the peace and leader in local life.

While completing her education, Alice Emily Bogert became a resident of Spring Valley, and on June 18, 1897, married (first) Alexander H. Merritt, who died in 1922. He was a former sheriff of Rockland County, also promi-



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nent in the insurance business in Spring Valley. He was a former secretary of the Home Building & Loan Association of Spring Valley, and the organizer and first president of the Ramapo Trust Company. They were the parents of two children: Albert Bogert, who died in 1901; Marie Frances, born July 9, 1901, in Spring Valley, New York, who is the present manager of the Merritt Real Estate & Insurance Agency in Spring Valley. She is a Past Noble Grand of the Rebekahs, and attends the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Merritt married (second) Charles E. DeBaun, president of the Ramapo Trust Company, and a vice-president of the "Coöperative Home." As already indicated, Mrs. DeBaun is intensely interested in patriotic and ancestral societies, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was the organizing Regent of Shatemuc Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and served in this office for six years, 1925 to 1931. The original membership of this group was only fifteen; it has since risen to almost one hundred. Mrs. DeBaun has been a delegate to the New York State meetings of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and to the Continental Congress held at Washington, District of Columbia. Likewise she is a Past Matron of the Valley Star Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; is a member of Forget-me-not Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is assistant chairman of the Women's Defense Unit in Spring Valley, World War II. Her religious affiliations are with the Spring Valley Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILMOT DECKER—Since his admission to the bar more than a decade ago, Wilmot Decker has risen to prominence in his profession and the life and affairs of Middletown, Orange County, New York. He was born in Middletown, March 3, 1906, son of Wilmot and Lillian (Scott) Decker, his father being a carpenter and progressive citizen.

After being graduated from the grade and high schools of his native city, Wilmot Decker attended Albany Law School. For some time he was associated with Egan and Johnson, attorneys, in Newburgh, and later with Watts, Oakes and Bright. In 1932 Mr. Decker was admitted to practice, and in the following year established an independent practice of his profession in Middletown, in which he has been most successful.

A Republican in political affiliations, he takes an active part in party campaigns and councils. He is (1943) assistant district attorney of Orange County; was an alderman of the Second Ward, and a member of the advisory board of the Selective Service System for global war activities. His college fraternity is Delta Chi, and he belongs to the Middletown Bar Association, Orange County Bar Association, and New York State Bar Association. Mr. Decker is a member of the Middletown

Club, and attends the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee.

On January 21, 1939, at Middletown, New York, Wilmot Decker married Edith M. Cocks, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Conklin) Cocks, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth C., born October 8, 1940.

WILLIAM E. TRAVER, D. D. S.—The whole life and career of Dr. William E. Traver have been identified with upper Dutchess County, New York. He went to other states to obtain his academic and professional education, but he returned to his home section of the Hudson River Valley, where the rolling terrain lies between the more mountainous upper and lower shores of the river and has attracted many American men of wealth to establish country estates. Since 1921 he has been a dentist at Rhinebeck, a center of far more importance and activities than census figures would imply. In its affairs, civic, professional, social and sports, he is a popular figure.

Dr. Traver was born at Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, December 28, 1871, son of Ransom and Edith (Hoffman) Traver. His father was for many years a druggist in Watertown, New York. The son of this record chose his own career, and after acquiring his academic education in the grade and high schools, of his birthplace, and Temple University, Philadelphia, matriculated at the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, with the class of 1895. Returning to Red Hook, he practiced his profession there until 1921, when he removed to Rhinebeck where it appeared he could find larger scope for his abilities and experience. In 1920 he served as vice-president of the First National Bank of Red Hook.

As dentist and dental surgeon, Dr. Traver has been eminently successful and serves a large clientele. He is chief of the dental staff of the Northern Dutchess County Health Center, whose hospital is in Rhinebeck. Further professional connections include memberships in the Dutchess County Dental Society, the New York State Dental Association and the National Dental Association. His dental fraternity is Xi Psi Phi, and he is popular in the North Dutchess Rod and Gun Club. He is a lover of the out-of-doors, and is a member of the Red Hook Golf Club, but it is probably true that his favorite hobby and interest is dental surgery. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church, of which he is an official.

At Red Hook, New York, in 1895, William E. Traver, D. D. S., married Emma A. Cramer, daughter of George H. and Sarah (Alendorf) Cramer, and they are the parents of one son: 1. Clarence H., born in 1898, a graduate of Amherst College, class of 1918, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was formerly associated with General Motors Corporation, now serving in the United States Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander. He married Margaret Madden, and they have two sons: William

E., graduate of Amherst College, now associated with the United States Coast Guard; David Madden, a student at Amherst College, now attending Naval Aviation School.

ALBERT SCHOETENSACK—Of the famous old "76" House at Tappan, Rockland County, Albert Schoetensack has been the popular "mine host" and proprietor since 1935. This present hotel, a picture of which is to be found in the historical volumes of this work, dates from the Colonial period in our history and is best known as the place where Major André was held prisoner during his trial and from which he was led to his execution. In its restored form and modern equipment, the "76" House is a favorite with the public who travel the west shore of the Hudson River roads out of New York City, and equally well with local people.

Albert Schoetensack was born at Dresden, Germany, May 14, 1894, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schoetensack. Educated and married abroad, and thoroughly well experienced in the hotel and restaurant business, he engaged in this vocation after his arrival in New York City in 1927. The opportunity to secure the caravansary in Tappan with a noteworthy Revolutionary War background appealed to his imagination and enterprise. Since then he has operated it as a dignified and attractive establishment in which to enjoy food and good companionship. Indeed the motto of the house is:

"Old wood to burn,
Old books to read,
Old wine to drink,
Old friends to trust."

Anyone privileged to savor the atmosphere and table of the "76" House will attest to the accuracy of the above slogan.

Mr. Schoetensack enters heartily into the life of the Tappan community and has been a citizen of the United States since 1935. He is a member of the Tappan Fire Department, and his wife of its auxiliary society. Fraternally he is affiliated with Zschokke Lodge, of the Free and Accepted Masons, No. 202, of New York City. He belongs to the Schnorrer Club of New York City and is president of the Rockland County Retail Liquor Dealers Association, Inc. He attends the Reformed Church of Tappan. His favorite recreation is golf.

In 1919, in Germany, Albert Schoetensack married Methy Wentzel, and they are the parents of a son, Ralph, born in Germany December 5, 1920, and educated in the Piermont public schools and Haverstraw High School. He is now serving in the United States Army Air Corps for the duration of World War II.

JOHN CALVIN BROWN—A native of Newburgh, J. Calvin Brown is one of the large number of those who have remained in this fine Hudson River Val-

ley city throughout their lives. He found opportunity there to start his business career as a bank clerk, and he is the well-known president of The National Bank of Newburgh, a most able executive and the friend and adviser of a host of friends.

He is the son of William C. and Matilda (Lynn) Brown. His father, a veteran of the Union Armies during the War Between the States, was a first lieutenant of the 19th New York Regiment of Volunteers, and was a contractor by vocation. John Calvin Brown received his education in the public schools of his birthplace. He is an exemplar of old American traditions, in that he early found the thing he liked to do best, and remained in this field until he won deserved success. After holding about every bank position, he was elected president of The National Bank of Newburgh.

Throughout all his mature years, he has taken a constructive part in the life of the community, and is especially active in club and fraternal circles. Mr. Brown is vice-president of the Newburgh City Club, member of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, of the Powelton Club, and the Newburgh Historical Society. He is treasurer of the committee on funds of the Newburgh Home for the Friendless; treasurer of Goldsmith D. and Mary B. Johnes Home for Aged Couples, Inc.; and treasurer of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Newburgh Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Highland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Hudson River Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a vestryman of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

On June 5, 1907, John Calvin Brown married Mertie Nuttall Foster, daughter of William and Mary Ann (Taylor) Foster, of Newburgh, New York.

NORMINGTON SCHOFIELD—A native of Beacon, Normington Schofield returned here to begin his practice of law after he had completed all qualifications for practice of the profession in the State of New York. He was, from 1934, an associate in the offices of the law firm of Phillips, Heaney and Hassett, at Beacon, and since January 1, 1939, has been a partner in the firm of Phillips, Heaney and Hassett, the firm's name being changed December 1, 1942, to Phillips, Heaney & Schofield and has there conducted a general practice, appearing in all of the courts. He has also been associated with public law as attorney for the village of Wappingers Falls since 1938. Through his long residence at Beacon, Mr. Schofield is well known here and in the surrounding district. He is a member of numerous local social and fraternal organizations, giving to each of them his enthusiastic support.

Mr. Schofield was born at Beacon on July 3, 1908, the son of Warren T. Schofield, now deceased, and Clara (Normington) Schofield. His father was a merchant at Beacon, and as a boy, Normington attended the public grammar and high schools here, receiving the customary



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preparatory education. He then matriculated at Syracuse University, completed the undergraduate curriculum, and took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the 1931 commencement.

For his legal training, Mr. Schofield turned to the law school of St. John's University. At that institution he completed his professional education, graduating in 1934 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

In 1934, Mr. Schofield was admitted to the bar of the State of New York. Since that time he has been conducting a general practice of law at Beacon. In addition, he has been, since December, 1941, a referee in bankruptcy for Dutchess, Putnam and Columbia counties. Mr. Schofield is also United States Conciliation Commissioner for the counties of Dutchess and Putnam, having held this office since January, 1938.

His professional affiliations include membership in the Dutchess County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the National Association of Referees in Bankruptcy. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and of the Beacon lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On July 2, 1937, at Beacon, Normington Schofield married Mary A. Turiga. They are communicants of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and Mr. Schofield is a member of the Order of Episcopal Laymen. They are the parents of three children: 1. Susanne C., born July 8, 1939. 2. Hall N., born December 26, 1941. 3. Stephen J., born June 5, 1944.

HOWARD BELL—Associated with the construction business as a youth Howard Bell continued his activities in this line for some time. It has been said of the builder that he builds himself into all that he constructs. Mr. Bell has every reason to be proud of his achievements and he bears an enviable reputation for ability, integrity and service of employers. In public life he had the honor of having been postmaster of Woodstock, New York, for the past ten years, an efficient executive who conducts the duties of his responsible position with exceptional skill.

Postmaster Bell was born at Olive, New York, in 1896, son of Oscar and Bertha (Kelly) Bell. His father, now deceased, was for some time caretaker at the Ashokam Dam. Howard Bell completed his academic education in the grade and high schools of his birthplace, and entered upon what was to be his life business in association with construction. During the construction of the Gilboa dam and tunnel he was employed by the Ulen Construction Company, first as a shaft mechanic, then as foreman covering the stone crushing plant while the concreting process was in operation along the tunnel, covering shafts three, four and six.

Under appointment of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mr. Bell became postmaster of Woodstock in 1935,

and remains in office under Civil Service regulations, to the universal satisfaction of the community. He is a Democrat in political allegiance, and influential in party affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1917, at Woodstock, New York, Howard Bell married Myrtle Barnes, and they have a son, Byron Howard, now serving for the duration in the United States Army Air Corps, with the rank of corporal; he married Jean Emory, and they have a son, Howard.

C. FRED RITTER—Like many another man of achievement, C. Fred Ritter started his business life with no special advantages of wealth or influential friends, and made his own way by making stepping stones of obstacles along the road, and learning the difficult lesson that he who serves others serves his own destiny.

Mr. Ritter was born in Middletown, Orange County, March 1, 1899, son of Charles I. and Minnie Louise (Smith) Ritter, his mother being a native of Middletown. His father, born in Sullivan County, was engaged in railroading for many years prior to his death in 1917. The son of this record was educated in the grade and high schools of his birth city, but while a student began making a part of his own livelihood as a newsboy, delivering papers over a large area of Middletown. Later he was clerk in a grocery store, and still later spent six years with the B. F. Van Sickle Shoe Store in the community.

His next move was to go to Newark, New Jersey, where for a year he became familiar with the real estate business under the tutelage of Prentice & Lee, of that city. In 1924, Mr. Ritter purchased the real estate and insurance business of John Ferguson, in Middletown, New York, and this he has built up to a substantial enterprise. His slogan has been from the beginning, "First in Service," and it is widely acknowledged in the municipality and the county that his idea of service includes whatever he can do to promote the progress of the community and the welfare of its people, without regard to the advancement of his own personal interests. He is a Republican in politics, a past president of the Orange County Local Insurance Agents Association, and is president of the Orange County Realty Board. He likewise was president of both the Middletown Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons, a popular figure in the Middletown Club, and a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, which he formerly served as a member of its official board. His recreations include camping and fishing.

On October 21, 1933, at Poughkeepsie, New York, C. Fred Ritter married Lillian Holfelder, daughter of Andrew E. and Nettie (Gulland) Holfelder. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Ritter was a nurse with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter are the parents of two sons: David S. and James F.

PRATT BOICE—As banker and dairyman, Pratt Boice has long been a prominent figure in Kingston and Ulster County. He is one of those wise and loyal sons of Ulster County who remained in the place of their birth and found prosperity and happiness in hard work and deserved rewards. Mr. Boice was born in Ulster County, New York, April 2, 1889, son of Lewis and Sarah Boice, now deceased.

Reared on his father's farm and attending local public schools, he learned first hand from childhood—agriculture. Its hardships, lean years and the frequent depression of prices, did not in any way dismay the lad. He learned that dairying was the type of agriculture to which this section of the Hudson Valley was suited, and which appealed to him. In 1913, Pratt Boice established his own dairy business, and down the years he developed it on a large scale and in most modern style. He has his own excellently equipped plant for the utilization of by-products. He bottles some twenty-five hundred quarts of milk daily, and delivers by a large fleet of personally owned trucks.

Mr. Boice likewise owns and operates a hundred and thirty-acre farm, practically all of which is in crops or pasture. His own herd of cows are fine examples of milk producers. In 1940, he was elected president of the Ulster County Savings Bank, and has since given it his best services and business acumen as executive. Mr. Boice is a member of the Kingston Kiwanis Club, of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the local lodge of the United American Mechanics. He attends the Second Dutch Reformed Church. He is a member of the Republican party, serving one term as county treasurer and prior to that, was elected to serve three terms as supervisor of the town of Ulster.

At Kingston, New York, in 1914, Pratt Boice married Harriet Stone, and they have the following children: 1. Sarah, married Madison Forde and they have a son, Stewart. 2. Gordon, married Jane Roosa, and they have a daughter, Nancy. 3. Norma, married Herbert Klippel and they have a daughter, Linda Mae. 4. Nancy. 5. Richard. 6. Harriet.

HARRY SMITH ENSIGN—Since youth Harry S. Ensign has been identified with banking in Kingston, Ulster County, of which city he is a native and lifelong citizen. After what has been called the "New England tradition" he early found the vocation he liked and never turned aside to enter some other kind of business. The years have brought him not only wide acquaintance and a legion of friends, but a deep respect for his acumen, foresight and counsel. Without ostentation or self-seeking he has constantly thrown the weight of his influence and endeavors on the side of all that made for the development of the community and the welfare of its people.

Born in Kingston, New York, June 19, 1884, he is the son of Frank H. and Catherine M. (Smith) Ensign, both of whom are deceased. His father was long a merchant in Hartford, Connecticut, where he died. Ensign is one of those very old New England names, which in the British Isles was known so long ago as 1395. Harry S. Ensign was educated in the Kingston grade schools, Kingston Academy and the famous Spencer's Business School, at Kingston. In 1904 he entered the employ of the Kingston Savings Bank, initiating a connection that never has been broken. Starting as a clerk, he was made assistant treasurer in 1927; elected treasurer in 1938; and a trustee a year later. At the present writing (1944) he is treasurer and a trustee of the institution. Illustrative of his private and citizen interests are his activities as a member and past president of the Kingston Kiwanis Club, vice-president of the Ulster County Tuberculosis Health Committee, and member of the board of trustees of the Wiltwyck Cemetery Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church, where he also has served on the consistory.

In 1908, Harry S. Ensign married Fannie Charles, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Ellen Caroline, who married John J. Conners, and they have a daughter, Carol Elizabeth. 2. Frances Charles Ensign.

LEONARD S. DuBOIS—Having been previously experienced as teacher and principal in other cities, Leonard S. DuBois came to Beacon in 1937, to fill the office of principal at the South Avenue School. He has remained in this position to the present time, and has not only been effective in executing his duties there, but has also become increasingly familiar with the life of the city of Beacon as manifested in commercial and civic activity.

Mr. DuBois was born at New Paltz, November 17, 1907, son of G. Wurts and Marguerite (Bartlett) DuBois. His father is retired from business. Growing up at New Paltz, Leonard S. attended the public schools there, and later became a student of the New Paltz Normal School, from which he graduated in 1927. He then continued his studies at Columbia University, returning to earn the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1932 and that of Master of Arts in 1937.

He first became a teacher in the public schools of Cairo, Greene County. He was then successively principal of the Jerusalem School, the Medford School, and the West Islip School. This last association terminated in 1937, when he came to Beacon, New York, as principal of the South Avenue School. His associations in the community here include membership in the Kiwanis Club of Beacon, Beacon Theatre Guild and Lewis Tompkins Hose Company. Mr. DuBois was inducted into the

army on January 6, 1944, and served with the army air forces until December 29, 1944, after which he returned to his position in the South Avenue School.

In 1932, at Beacon, Mr. DuBois married Rose McCarthy, daughter of John and Kathryn McCarthy. They are the parents of three children: 1. Lorraine, born in 1936. 2. John, born in 1942. 3. Margot, born in 1943.

JOHN R. SUTTON—After a number of years of experience, John R. Sutton established his own undertaking business in Hurley, Ulster County. He is a native of this section of Southeastern New York, born at Clintondale, Ulster County, July 10, 1902, son of John H. and Lulu (Hull) Sutton, both bearing old American names. The father, also a native of Clintondale, and who died in 1903, was a funeral director as was his father before him.

As the third generation of Suttons to be associated with the undertaking business, John R. Sutton began his career as an employee of the Lawyers Title & Guaranty Company, of 160 Broadway, New York City. After three years, or in 1931, he joined his brother George H. Sutton in the management of a funeral home in Clintondale. After a short time the partnership was dissolved and the subject of this biography became connected with Norvin Lasher in similar work in Saugerties. In 1937, Mr. Sutton established his own enterprise in Hurley, Ulster County. Operating under his own name he renders the finest type of service as a funeral director. His equipment is of the best; he personally is highly esteemed in the community. Fraternally Mr. Sutton is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Stone Ridge Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and belongs to the Mendelssohn Glee Club in Kingston. He is a member of the Reformed Church, in Hurley.

In 1933, John R. Sutton married Vera Viemeister of Long Island, New York.

ARTHUR H. WICKS—Performing a substantial and many-sided work in the business world in and near Kingston, Arthur H. Wicks is head of the Thomson Laundry and holds responsible positions in other business organizations and some civic groups.

Mr. Wicks was born December 24, 1887, in New York City, son of John A. and Katherine (Young) Wicks. His father is a merchant in New York City.

Arthur H. Wicks attended Public School No. 6 in New York City, and commenced his career as a day laborer in the employ of the city of New York. He took a correspondence course in engineering, then became a member of the engineering department of the city government. Later he was an engineering inspector for the city of New York, then was a public service commissioner there. He worked on the Steinway Tunnel. It was in 1914 that Mr. Wicks bought the Thomson Laundry, in Kingston. Without previous experience along these lines, and utterly without capital to back him, he and his wife

together operated this laundry on the proverbial "shoe-string" basis, and today it is recognized as the leading laundry in the city.

Adding to this work a number of other business responsibilities, Mr. Wicks is president of the Governor Clinton Hotel Association, in Kingston, and is secretary-treasurer of the Pine Hill-Kingston Bus Corporation and the Woodstock Bus Corporation. He is a former director of the Kingston Trust Company and of the Kingston Savings & Loan Association. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1926 Mr. Wicks was elected to the office of State Senator, and has been reelected for ten successive terms. He introduced the first welfare law under which the State operated; also introduced the bill which transferred to civil service without examination, all transport workers, at the time the transportation system was acquired by the city of New York. He is chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, and is Republican County Chairman of Ulster County.

Arthur H. Wicks married Mabel E. Everett, daughter of Seth M. and Olena (Merrihew) Everett. He enjoys outdoor life and healthful sports, and is justly proud of his achievement as a "self-made" man in the truest sense of the term. He gives considerable time, thought and material aid to a number of deserving young men who have in this way been able to go through college.

GEORGE F. KAUFMAN—Residing in Saugerties and practicing law in Kingston, George F. Kaufman is widely and favorably known throughout this region of New York State.

Mr. Kaufman was born October 18, 1889, in Margaretville, New York, son of Charles C. and Mary F. (Myer) Kaufman. His father was the operator of a chain of creameries in Delaware County.

Public schools of Margaretville, his birthplace, provided George F. Kaufman's early formal education, and he later attended Kingston Academy and a business college. In 1912 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and in that same year he was admitted to the bar of this State. Commencing his active practice of law in Saugerties, where he still lives, Mr. Kaufman became eminently successful in his work there. In 1931 he opened an office in Kingston, and here he still centers his professional activity.

At all times Mr. Kaufman has taken a deep interest in the life of this region of New York State. He is a Republican in his political views, and has rendered particularly useful service as corporation counsel for the village of Saugerties. In 1920 he was elected surrogate of Ulster County, an office that he held continuously for eighteen years, the longest period of service of any surrogate of Ulster County. Active in other branches of community life, Mr. Kaufman is a director of the Kingston Trust Company, chairman of its trust committee

and a member of its executive committee. Formerly he was president of the Ulster County Bar Association, in which he is still active, and he belongs also to the New York State Bar Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has many affiliations, among them membership in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Kingston Club, Rip Van Winkle Golf Club, and Moose Pond Club in the Adirondacks. In spare time he especially enjoys golf. During the First World War he served his country in the infantry forces, being a member of the 30th Company, 6th Battalion, assigned to Infantry Officers' Training School at Camp Lee, Virginia.

In January, 1924, in New York City, George F. Kaufman married Mary Elizabeth Deegan. They became the parents of two children: 1. John, born in October, 1925, attended the College of Agriculture at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, now with the field artillery forces in the army. 2. William, born August 26, 1926, and is at the United States Navy Quartermaster Training School at Bainbridge, Indiana.

FRANK J. STEEN—Shortly after the turn of the century, Frank J. Steen became interested in the manufacture of the paper bag. This now common article so much used, was then a comparatively new thing of limited popularity and apparently not destined to have any great future. Mr. Steen thought differently, and with the foresight, courage and enterprise that has characterized his career set about engaging in the paper bag industry on as large a scale as time and means allowed. More than a third of a century ago he helped establish a bag factory in Newburgh, and later gave Walden, Orange County, a new manufacturing concern—the nationally known Inter State Bag Company, of which he has long been president. Not only has his business meant a great deal to the progress and prosperity of Walden, but his personal activities as a civic-minded citizen have contributed importantly to community life.

Mr. Steen was born in New Paltz, New York, on May 16, 1874, son of William H. and Sarah A. (Johnson) Steen, both natives of New Paltz, where the elder man was the owner and operator of a hotel, popular with a past generation. Frank J. Steen attended the local public schools and the New Paltz Normal College. Shortly before he became of age he went to New York City and found employment with an importing firm. While becoming familiar with all kinds of packing and packages, he was impressed with the possibilities of the paper bag. In 1901 he managed to enter a plant making bags. In 1906 he formed a partnership with A. J. DuBois, and established a factory in Newburgh. A year later the enterprise was incorporated under the trade title, The Inter State Bag Company, with Mr. DuBois as president, and Mr. Steen as treasurer. In 1911 the whole business was removed to Walden, New York, that it

might expand on a larger scale and find a substantial reservoir of employees. Under normal conditions and at the present time, from eighty to one hundred people are employed. The company's products are distributed all over the United States, and to other countries before the present global war.

As a pioneer in the manufacture of paper bags, Frank J. Steen had to find better methods of production and establish precedents where there were none. Many know and appreciate highly that exceptionally handy paper "shopping bag" which is such an aid to both stores and shoppers. This is the invention of Mr. Steen and Mr. DuBois. His son, H. K. Steen, also invented or perfected better machines for the making of a new type of bag. In Walden he is financially interested in other lines of business and property, and is a director of the First National Bank of that place. For a number of years he has served as a member of the board of education. During the First World War he was constantly to the fore on various boards and committees. Fraternally Mr. Steen is affiliated with the various bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, up to and including the Commandery, Knights Templar. His favorite club is the Colony of Walden. He attends the Reformed Church.

August 9, 1899, Frank J. Steen married Adele Marquart, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Harford K., a graduate of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, with the degree of Master of Arts; he married Pauline Nichols, and they are the parents of three children: H. Kirk, Jr., Barbara, and Marguerite. 2. Frank M., a graduate of Newburgh Free Academy.

TUTHILL R. McDOWELL—With a wide variety of features of the life of Ellenville, Ulster County, New York, Tuthill R. McDowell has been prominent since youth. A school athlete, he became coach of town teams, later joining his father in business. After serving in public capacities, he has been postmaster of Ellenville since 1940.

Mr. McDowell was born in Ellenville, December 4, 1895, son of John and Margaret (Stapleton) McDowell, both natives of New York State. He attended the schools of his birthplace, won fame for himself in local school sports, and became coach of the Ellenville High School basketball and baseball teams, turning out a number of teams that won several championships. He also was coach of the Ellenville "Wanderers," a professional team that was favorably known in the East. He became associated in business with his father in a realty and live stock concern, specializing in the breeding, training and sale of horses, under the firm name of John McDowell & Son.

In public life, Tuthill R. McDowell served three terms of two years each as supervisor of the village of Ellenville. In 1940, he was appointed postmaster of the community



Luthull R. McDowell

by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, an office he has filled with exceptional efficiency since that time. He is a widely recognized expert on the appraisal of property and frequently has acted as intermediary in condemnation and similar proceedings, particularly in difficulties arising between the city of New York and citizens of Ulster County. In this line of endeavor he has compiled an enviable record.

During the First World War, Mr. McDowell enlisted in the United States Army and served with a cavalry unit. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of the Noon Day Club, of which he is vice-president, and of the Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Tuthill R. McDowell married, in 1919, Hilda M. Myers.

AUGUST PUCKHABER—Having come to the city of Newburgh more than three decades ago, August Puckhaber has since maintained here a grocery store business which he has developed to one of the important outlets of this type in the city. In addition to his business association and his residence here, Mr. Puckhaber has become identified with the city through his interest in civic affairs. He has been particularly active in the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, but has also been interested in other organizations of the city and the surrounding region.

Mr. Puckhaber is a son of Martin and Matto Puckhaber, and is a native of Germany, in which country he spent his boyhood years and received his formal education. His father was a railroader by profession. Since coming here thirty-three years ago, Mr. Puckhaber has been in the grocery business continuously. With careful attention to the needs of his customers, he has succeeded in building up an impressive business, and has won the respect of his neighbors by his willingness to devote much of his time to the civic interests of Newburgh.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Puckhaber has consistently supported the principles and candidates of this party, and has been associated with the local organization. He is a member of the executive committee of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and is also the head of the Newburgh Retail Grocers Association. He is a veteran fireman in the volunteer companies of the city.

In Brooklyn, New York, in 1905, August Puckhaber was married to Minnie Kurtz, and they are the parents of one daughter, Florence, who is a graduate of the New Paltz Teachers College, and is married to George Lewis, a teacher at Oil City, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Puckhaber are communicants of the Christ Lutheran Church at Newburgh, and are active together in the civic and social enterprises of their home community.

BRADEN MOORE LYON, D. V. M.—As a young graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with but a year of two of experience in his profession, Dr. Braden

Moore Lyon became associated with the now famous Lederle Laboratories (*q. v.*) of Pearl River, Rockland County, New York. Down through slightly more than a quarter of a century he has been identified with various departments of this great organization; won reputation in the field of biological therapy and immunology and as an American bacteriologist, and has contributed importantly to the progress of the animal industry of the United States.

He was born in Nottingham Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1889, son of Frank C. and Nancy (Moore) Lyon. His father, who engaged in agriculture for many years, is now retired. Braden Moore Lyon, reared on a farm and learning almost as a child the advantages and disadvantages connected with the tilling of the soil and of dairying, early determined to solve some of the problems of the farmer from the standpoint of science and technical education. After attending the public schools of his birthplace, he spent three years in the Grove City College, Pennsylvania, and completed his collegiate studies at the John C. Fremont School of California. After teaching two years in the public schools of Pennsylvania he matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated in 1915, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Immediately after graduation he went with the H. K. Mulford Biological Laboratories at Glen Olden, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1917, since which year he has been associated with the Lederle Laboratories, Inc., of Pearl River, Rockland County. A résumé of the history of this noted concern, of its immense plant and equipment and hundreds of employees and scientists, is related elsewhere in this volume.

The Lederle Laboratories, Inc., was relatively small at the time he joined it, and was engaged in research in connection with the uses and production of serums, vaccines, toxoids and other biological products of value to the health of man and beast. Dr. Lyon was one of those fortunate young men who had found, at the beginning of his career, the field that he liked better than any other, and in which he could be of the most service. His official position in the immense Lederle Laboratories, Inc., is that of administrative director, a term that fails to indicate either his varied duties or the long experience in research and work that have gone into his activities of the present day. He is the author of a number of scientific publications relating to his chosen field.

Dr. Lyon is a member of the Society of American Bacteriologists. His national professional fraternity is Alpha Psi, and he is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, of the New York State Veterinary Medical Association, and the New York City Veterinary Medical Society. As a citizen of Pearl River, Dr. Lyon is frequently to the fore in community life and affairs. For the past decade, from 1934, he has been a member and vice-president of the Pearl River Board of

Education. He is a director of the Park Savings & Loan Association, a former president of the Pearl River Business Men's Luncheon Club, a past president of the Pearl River Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Nauranshank Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His favored recreation is golf.

At Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, in March, 1917, Braden Moore Lyon married Olive M. McNutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. McNutt, and they are the parents of two children, both born at Pearl River: Patricia, born October 7, 1928; Braden Moore, Jr., born October 5, 1932.

DONALD H. McCANN—After having been engaged in the general practice of law at New York City for six years after his admission to the bar of the State, Donald H. McCann in 1942 came to Newburgh, here to enter into association in a general private practice with Stanley Johnson, present district attorney of Orange County. In addition, Mr. McCann holds the position of village attorney for Washingtonville. Since coming to this region, he has become associated with local social and civic organizations, both at Newburgh, and at his town of residence, Cornwall.

Mr. McCann was born on March 1, 1910, at Rome, New York, son of Henry P. and Emma R. (Hartenstine) McCann. His father was a café owner at Rome, and active in civic, social and religious affairs. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Rome, a communicant of the St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church there, and for twenty years served upon the board of aldermen of the city.

Growing up at Rome, Donald H. received his early general education in the parochial schools there. He then matriculated at Holy Cross College, where he completed the undergraduate curriculum in 1932, to take the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his legal training, Mr. McCann turned to the law school of Fordham University, graduating in 1935 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the following year, he was admitted to the bar of the State of New York. After completing all requisite qualifications for practice in this State, Mr. McCann became associated with the law firm of Glass and Lynch in New York City, continuing this connection from 1936 to 1942. In the latter year he came to Newburgh, and here became associated in a private general practice of law with District Attorney Stanley Johnson.

A Republican in politics, Mr. McCann has been a steady supporter of the principles and candidates of this party, but has not himself been a candidate for office. He is the village attorney of Washingtonville. His social affiliations include membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the Lions Club of Cornwall, New York. His favorite hobby is gardening.

In 1937, at New York City, Donald H. McCann was married to Dorothy Sweeney, of Washingtonville, daughter

of George and Ellen (Mooney) Sweeney, her father a hotel proprietor at Washingtonville. They are the parents of three children: 1. Sheila Ann, born October 22, 1938. 2. Margaret Ellen, born April 6, 1942. 3. Donald Shaun, born June 18, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. McCann are communicants of the St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church at Cornwall, and are active together in the civic and social enterprises of their home community.

A. C. SMITH & COMPANY, Inc.—One of the oldest industrial and business concerns of Newburgh, A. C. Smith & Company can claim more than two-thirds of a century's service of the people of the city and Orange County communities. It was founded in 1877 to engage in what would now be called the plumbing trade. Almost from the first it specialized in heating equipment, although the first heating plant installed by the company was in 1884. Several years ago "The Newburgh News" stated that

Every ten working days since then have seen the sale and the installation of a heating boiler. The pioneer installation was for A. H. Havemeyer of New Windsor. In 1884 but three plants were placed, but since then the average has been stepped up to better than thirty a year. Among the company's souvenirs is an automatic steam radiator air valve installed in a heating plant for George Ross on West Broadway, in 1884. This valve was replaced by the same company in 1924 when the original boiler was also replaced, and the air valve was still in useful service.

"The Newburgh News," incidentally, has been a customer of A. C. Smith & Company for more than half a century; and there are customers of even longer connection with the business.

The Smith concern has never changed its location very much. Founded at No. 490 Broadway, it was moved to No. 487 Broadway, to which was added because of increasing trade, No. 489 Broadway. A. C. Smith died August 13, 1925, and four years later the business was incorporated under its present name. A large number of clients are furnished with heating, plumbing and automatic sprinkler work. Its officers in 1943 were:

Leonard Sinclair, president of A. C. Smith & Company was born in Highland Falls, and upon the completion of his education became connected with A. C. Smith & Company, learning the business from the ground up, gaining promotions as they were earned. Upon the death of A. C. Smith, founder of the company, he was elected president. Mr. Sinclair married Cora Oakley, of Newburgh.

Francis A. MacWilliams, vice-president of A. C. Smith & Company, was born at Newburgh; he came into the concern as an apprentice, and has never left its employ excepting for service in World War I. Mr. MacWilliams married Laurretta Evans, and they are the parents of four children: Robert, Rhea, Carol and Lana.

Edna Brewer Corwin, secretary and treasurer of A. C. Smith & Company, was born in Kingston, but has lived

in Newburgh the greater part of her life. In 1917 she joined the company. She married George W. Corwin, and is the mother of three children: 1. George W., Jr., now assistant superintendent of the Newburgh Water Department; he married Helen Jewens, and they have two children: G. Wesley, and John Grafton. 2. Louise, secretary to the Superintendent of Child Welfare, at Newburgh. 3. Marjorie, married E. P. Merritt, associated with the New York Telephone Company, Newburgh, and they have three children: Thurl A., Roger E. and Pamela.

MATTHEW E. DEVITT—Mr. Devitt was born May 25, 1900, in Paterson, New Jersey, son of Edward and Ella (Lyon) Devitt.

Montgomery schools provided Matthew E. Devitt's early formal education, and later he attended Albany Law School and the law school of Fordham University, in New York City, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1924. He was admitted to the bar in 1926.

On the professional side he is a member of the Newburgh City Bar Association, of which he is past president, and the Orange County Bar Association. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On December 31, 1924, in New York City, Matthew E. Devitt married Mary Louise Maher, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Murray) Maher. They became the parents of two children: 1. Robert M., born April 30, 1926. 2. Susan M., born April 22, 1940.

HENRY E. COLEMAN—By hard work, constant study of his profession, combined with the essential qualifications of a successful business man, Henry E. Coleman has risen to a position of importance in banking and the civic life of Monroe, New York. He had completed his academic and business education and had begun a career in commerce, when the United States entered the First World War, and he enlisted in the United States Army. It was therefore only after peace came temporarily to the globe that he entered the employ of the Citizens Bank of Monroe, with which he has since been identified.

Mr. Coleman was born at Goshen, New York, October 21, 1894, son of James C. Coleman, M. D., and Ann Elizabeth Coleman, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a proficient physician and substantial citizen, of good family and of high repute. Henry E. Coleman, of this record, was early ambitious about earning his own livelihood and after attending the grade and high schools of Goshen, rounded out his preparation for a business career with courses in the Albany Business College. He had been variously employed, prior to the First World War and his entry into the military forces of our country. The Armistice signed, and the eventual mustering out of the service, found Mr. Coleman with the task of beginning the making of a livelihood all over again. He came to Monroe and its Citizens Bank in a minor capacity.

Down the years since then he has become a director and president of the institution, an authentic authority of financial matters, the adviser of many, and popular with the clientele of the bank. He is a member of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce; fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the American Legion and attends the Presbyterian Church. He supports liberally charitable endeavors and organizations and is active in civic affairs.

In 1918, at Monroe, New York, Henry E. Coleman married Helen Durland, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Donald, now serving in the United States Navy. 2. Richard, now serving in the United States Army. 3. Evelyn, attending Monroe schools. 4. Benjamin. 5. Clarice.

ROCKLAND COACHES, Inc.—No more significant contribution to modern transportation excels that made by the motor bus. The scope and flexibility of the service it renders the public is invaluable, and one of the standards by which the progress of areas of our country is measured is the automotive transportation facilities it provides. Rockland County, notable for beautiful terrain and towns and sites for pleasant homes and living conditions in reasonable proximity to the metropolis and crowded communities, is especially dependent upon bus travel. In furnishing these during the past decade and more, Rockland Coaches, Inc., has been outstanding.

This corporation is a consolidation of a number of companies for purposes of efficiency, elimination of duplication of traffic and extension of services. At one time there were the Rockland Transit Corporation, the Rockland Coaches, Inc., the Spring Valley Motor Company, Tappan & Nyack Bus Company, and several others, all pioneers in road transportation in Rockland County, New York, Bergen County, New Jersey, and from these directly to New York City.

Going back no further than 1923, the Rockland Transit Corporation was then owned by Clay and Raymond Fisher. Five years afterward it became a member of the above mentioned group, of whom the officials were (and still are) Barney Dorf, Isadore Katz, Ernest A. Capitani, Sr., and Ernest A. Capitani, Jr. From 1928 to 1935, the operating headquarters were at Nanuet, New York.

Of the numerous changes in purchases, consolidations, mergers and the like, the following is illustrative if not complete. In 1930 the Park Ridge Transportation Company, of Park Ridge, New Jersey, was purchased. Its route was from Pearl River, Rockland County, to Westwood, Bergen County. A year later both the coverage from Haverstraw, New York, to New York City, and the Tappan & Nyack Bus Company, were secured, the latter running from Nyack and Tappan to Pearl River. In 1932, the Rockland Coaches was incorporated for the purpose of inaugurating a service from Spring Valley, Rockland County, to New York City. The year 1934

saw such a service established from Nyack to New York City, and within a year the Spring Valley Motor Coach Company was absorbed. During that same year the Hill Bus Company, of Bergenfield, New Jersey, was taken over. It had been operating a line from Westwood, New Jersey, to New York City. The year 1935 marked the purchase of a large garage at Spring Valley, to which was added a big extension in 1937. In 1940 another extension and increased equipment were acquired. Constantly increasing demands and broadened service were the factors in the growth of Rockland Coaches, Inc., which at the present writing employs some three hundred people and controls more than one hundred and fifty motor vehicles. In Spring Valley, Nanuet, Pearl River and the region in which they are located, buses run every five minutes during rush hours. Buses from Valley Cottage, Congers, Rockland Lake, Nyack, Grandview, Piermont, Sparkill and Tappan, in Rockland County, leave every fifteen minutes during the busy period of the day and at half hour intervals at other times. All of which indicates the service rendered by this thoroughly up-to-date company. At the present writing, January, 1944, the corporation, which so far has been confined as regards interstate routes into New York City, to the George Washington Bridge, is awaiting permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to use the Lincoln Tunnel. When this has been granted the people of Rockland County will have transportation facilities in their region, and to the metropolis, equalled by few communities.

GEORGE CHANDLER YOUNG—For many years George Chandler Young has been engaged in farming operations in Napanoch, where he has taken over the management of family properties and added to them. Constantly remodeling his business to meet the needs of new times and conditions, he has come to be widely and favorably known throughout this region of New York State.

Mr. Young was born July 11, 1905, in Napanoch, New York, son of Chester and Jennie (Divine) Young. The family is an old one. Chester Young operated a dairy farm at Napanoch for about twenty-eight years, during which he was three times elected supervisor of the town of Wawarsing. He was for some years president of the Ulster County Farm Bureau, and was closely associated with the Dairymen's League from 1920, first as director, later as treasurer. He was treasurer until the close of his life in 1934. His wife, Mrs. Jennie (Divine) Young, is a member of a widely known family. Her sister is Dr. Alice Divine (*q. v.*)

George Chandler Young began his formal schooling at Napanoch, finishing his graded school studies there, then going to Ellenville High School, where he was graduated in 1923. In 1927 he received the degree of Bach-

elor of Arts from Hamilton College, at Clinton, New York. He then turned his attention to the farming interests that had long engrossed his family, returning home to assist his father in managing the dairy farm at Napanoch. The father, in addition to farming, was a prominent figure in the community, having taught briefly following his graduation from Cornell University, and having later served as a nursery inspector in the department of agriculture. Chester Young also handled the affairs of the Napanoch Paper Mill and the North Carolina timber interests in which his father, George C. Young's grandfather, had been active.

George Chandler Young, upon associating himself with his father's dairy farming activities, developed a fine herd of one hundred or more cattle, all registered Holsteins. After his father's death, in 1934, he continued to operate the farm, but disposed of the cattle and dairy business, developing instead an extensive truck garden business. He sold his truck garden products both locally and in the New York market. Later he gradually reduced the variety of crops that he raised, giving major attention to sweet corn for the New York market. Growth of the business produced a necessity for more land, so that Mr. Young acquired adjacent properties. He bought the Yama Dairy Farm and rented two other farms. The Yama Dairy Farm, continuing operations down to the time of writing, is known for its thoroughbred Jersey cattle, and Mr. Young makes a substantial contribution to agricultural life in Napanoch and vicinity.

At the same time he interests himself extensively in banking affairs, being, like his father and both grandfathers before him, a director of the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Ellenville. He is also a director of the Ellenville Savings Bank, of which his grandfather was for forty years president and of which his great-grandfather was one of the original trustees. Although an active Republican, Mr. Young has never sought nor held public office, preferring to devote himself to the agricultural and business efforts for which he is well adapted. He is a member of the Sportsman's Club, has been Master and held other lodge offices in the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

At Accord, New York, November 26, 1930, George Chandler Young married Katherine Davenport, daughter of Walter and Sarah (Gordon) Davenport.

CARLTON I. SMITH—In the life and affairs of Goshen, Carlton I. Smith is unusually influential and greatly esteemed. A part of this may be due to his exemplary citizenship and connection with the Orange County Clerk's office, but it would seem to result more from his participation in all manner of projects, movements and organizations that are undertaken for the benefit of the community and his social characteristics



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and personality. Certainly he has won a legion of friends during his years in the town.

Carlton I. Smith was born in the town of Hamptonburgh, New York, July 8, 1886, son of Wickham T. and Mary R. (Hawkins) Smith. His father was a farmer at Hamptonburgh, the farm being a part of tract of a grant from the King of England to the Smith family. The son was educated in the Goshen grade and high schools, being graduated from the latter-named in 1904. He furthered his preparation for earning his living by attending the Middletown Business College, from which in due course he received his diploma. His first employment of importance was with the J. H. Newberry & Son Iron Foundry, where he remained until 1914, as bookkeeper and paymaster. The First World War brought him into the armed forces of the United States, and from 1918 to 1919 he was a line sergeant with the Ordnance and Chemical Warfare Department of the United States Army. Just before he had left Goshen to enlist, he had been for a short time a special deputy clerk in the office of the Orange County clerk. Upon reëntering civilian life, he was offered a position at the Orange County clerk's office and late in 1919 became search clerk. Since 1920 he has been deputy clerk, an exceptionally skilled and capable official.

Mr. Smith is also secretary and treasurer of the Goshen Coöperative Savings & Loan Association, and financially interested in other business enterprises. Like his father before him, he is a staunch Republican and active in politics. He was one of the organizers and is adjutant of Goshen Post, No. 377, American Legion; a member of the Goshen Lodge, No. 365, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Goshen Tennis Club. A lover of sports, he enjoys tennis, hunting, fishing and is unusually interested in bowling. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church, he acts as president of the board of trustees.

At Orange, New Jersey, July 3, 1938, Carlton I. Smith married Mary Ethel (Miller) Lambert, daughter of Katherine E. Miller.

CHARLES E. TAYLOR—In the professional circles of Middletown and Orange County, Charles E. Taylor has been a prominent figure for some years. He has gained noteworthy reputation as a lawyer, and for the past decade has been surrogate of his county. Down the years his memberships in the associations of his profession have increased in number and importance, and he is favorably known to colleagues in New York City and the State.

He was born in Woodbury, New York, October 11, 1885, son of Frank R. and Carrie (Smith) Taylor, his father engaged in carpenter work. After receiving his preliminary education in the Monroe public schools, Charles E. Taylor matriculated at New York University, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of

Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1909, Mr. Taylor became associated with the law firm of Servin and Cox, with whom he remained until 1915, when he established his own independent practice of his profession in Middletown.

Charles E. Taylor takes an active and constructive part in the political, civic, fraternal, club and religious affairs of his community. A Republican in political faith, he has served as special surrogate and since 1932 has been surrogate of Orange County. His professional affiliations include the New York State Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Middletown Bar Association and Orange County Bar Association, having served as president of the two latter named associations. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, a Past Master of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, and member of Midland Chapter, No. 240, Royal Arch Masons; and Middletown Lodge, No. 1097, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a popular member of the Middletown Kiwanis Club, of which he is a former president, member of the chamber of commerce, and past president of the Middletown Club and the Shawangunk Fish and Game Club. He attends the First Congregational Church, of which he was a trustee, and was formerly president of its Men's Club. Home movies is one of his hobbies, enjoyed by family and friends.

On June 26, 1916, Charles E. Taylor married Mary Lewis, daughter of I. T. and Ella (Smith) Lewis.

JAMES E. IGO—For many years active in the financial life of Newburgh and vicinity, James E. Igo is president of the Columbus Trust Company, of this city.

Mr. Igo was born February 14, 1901, in Newburgh, New York, son of John E. and Anna (McDonald) Igo. His family is an old one on both sides of the house. His maternal grandfather was at one time one of the leading merchants of Newburgh. The father, John E. Igo, was a machinist in Newburgh. He died December 29, 1909.

Newburgh schools provided James E. Igo's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies here he became a student at the Graduate School of Banking of Rutgers University. He went directly from high school into the Columbus Trust Company organization, in Newburgh, and here he has remained since that time. He has held a number of bank offices.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Igo is active in civic and social affairs. He is a Republican in politics. He is a past president of the American Institute of Banking and president of the Orange County Bankers Association. At the time of writing he serves as a director of the chamber of commerce; treasurer of the United Service Organization of Newburgh and the Delano Ice Skating Club. He is a member of the Newburgh Rotary Club; past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Igo was also a second lieutenant in the 156th Field Artillery Corps of

the New York State National Guard. He belongs to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

On April 22, 1930, James E. Igo married Genevieve Meany, daughter of Michael F. and Anna (McDuff) Meany. They became the parents of three children: 1. Jean, born January 11, 1932. 2. James, born October 4, 1935. 3. Michael, born November 7, 1936.

FRANK C. GENOVESE, M. D.—Engaged for many years in the practice of medicine and surgery, Dr. Frank C. Genovese has carried on a general line of medical and surgical work since January, 1933, centering his activities in Patterson, Putnam County.

Dr. Genovese was born December 18, 1904, in New York City, son of S. and Rose (Pantol) Genovese. His father, who resides in West Palm Beach, Florida, has for years been extensively engaged in real estate work and as a building contractor both on Long Island and in Florida.

Public schools of New York City and Cleveland, Ohio, provided Frank C. Genovese's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1924 from high school at Jamaica, Long Island. For one year he was an interne at Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Connecticut, then took postgraduate work in surgery at the Polyclinic Hospital, New York City, and also studied at Bellevue Medical College. Since January, 1933, he has been engaged in a general practice of medicine and surgery in Patterson. His service here has been of great value, not only to local citizens individually, but to community, county and district.

He has been local health officer of the town of Patterson for the past ten years. He is school physician in this community, as well as coroner of Putnam County, having served continuously as coroner since elected to this office in 1936. During the Second World War he became a member of Local Board No. 301, set up in connection with operation of the selective service system. He is, among his other duties, consultant physician to the Patterson-Kent Nursing Association. Dr. Genovese also serves on the staffs of Danbury Hospital and Mahopac Hospital and the courtesy staffs of St. Francis' Hospital and Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, and Butterfield Hospital, Cold Spring. Dr. Genovese also belongs to a number of organizations, among them the Putnam County Medical Society, of which he was treasurer and a member of the committee on public relations, and holds memberships in the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a member of Pawling Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and Brewster Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he also is a member of the Pawling Rotary Club. In spare time he is fond of outdoor life, notably fishing, camping and traveling. He is also a home workshop "fan." His brother, Joseph C. Genovese, is a lawyer in Brewster, and his sister, also a resident of Brewster, attended a business college.

Dr. Frank C. Genovese married, June 12, 1932, in the Bronx, New York City, Mary Jane Genovese, who was born in Brewster, daughter of James and Mary Genovese. They became the parents of two children: 1. Frank C., Jr., born April 6, 1936, in Towners. 2. James Joseph, born in March, 1940, in Danbury.

LESTER J. ROOSA—Chief supervisor clerk of Orange County, Lester J. Roosa is one of the popular citizens and public officials at the county seat, Goshen. Born at Plattekill, New York, on December 15, 1898, son of Jacob A. and Emily J. (Clearwater) Roosa, he was educated in the grammar and high schools of Goshen, and began making a livelihood in the town as a youth. Down through the years his love for this place and his loyalty to its best development have grown steadily.

When World War I began to require the services of the young men of our country, Lester J. Roosa enlisted in the marine corps, and before the conflict was over was a drill master, efficient and effective. In 1914, he had entered the employ of the F. C. Hock Motor Corporation in Goshen, and after receiving his honorable discharge from the marines, resumed his association with this company, remaining until 1928. In this latter year, Lester J. Roosa was appointed deputy supervisor's clerk (Orange County), to succeed the late Augustus Gillespie. Later he was made chief supervisor clerk, the post he has since filled so excellently. He gladly acknowledged the aid and special training for his work and responsibilities given him by George Gregg.

Mr. Roosa was the first chairman of the Goshen Rationing Board, chairman of the board of administration and records; and is a member of the Orange County War Council. Reminiscent of the First World War are his memberships in the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League. Fraternally he is affiliated with Goshen Lodge, No. 365, Free and Accepted Masons, Midian Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Cyprus Commandery of Knights Templar, and Middletown (New York) Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Goshen. He attends the Presbyterian Church. As a hobby Mr. Roosa collects miniature elephants, of which he has a fine assortment.

B. J. YORK—Operating his own automobile company in Newburgh, B. J. York is one of this community's leading business men. He was born June 22, 1894, in Woodridge, New York, son of Jesse J. and Mary D. (Kniffin) York. His father was a carpenter.

B. J. York attended public schools in Middletown, New York, and when he was only fourteen years of age he became associated with the Middletown Central Garage. On January 10, 1916, he came to Newburgh and here associated himself with the Sloan & Clapper Auto Company. In 1919 he bought Mr. Clapper's interest in the



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enterprise, which then became the Sloan Motor Company. In 1927 Mr. York bought Mr. Sloan's holdings in the company and became sole owner in his own right.

In addition to his work in his own automobile business, Mr. York has taken part in other business activities in this region. He is a director of the Highland-Quassaick National Bank. He was a director and vice-president of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce. Formerly Mr. York served, too, as president of the Newburgh Automobile Club and the Newburgh City Club. He is a Republican in politics and takes a deep interest in community affairs. Among his other activities, Mr. York is a member, too, of the Historical Society of Newburgh, the Powelton Club, the Fallsburg Fishing & Boat Club, Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons; Highland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hudson River Commandery, Knights Templar; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Newburgh Lodge, No. 247, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His favorite recreation is fishing, although he enjoys all aspects of healthful outdoor life.

On August 6, 1940, in Carson City, Nevada, B. J. York married Christine McDonough, daughter of William J. and Margaret (Daniher) McDonough. They became the parents of a daughter, Beverly Joan York, who was born May 20, 1941.

GEORGE E. HOWARD—Engaged extensively in the wholesale grocery business in Newburgh, George E. Howard heads the establishment of G. E. Howard & Company, in this city.

Mr. Howard's father, Homer Howard, was for years engaged in the planing mill business which was started in Newburgh in 1804. The mother was Mrs. Katherine (Shaw) Howard.

Public schools provided George E. Howard's early formal education. In 1894 the firm of Hilton & Howard was started in Newburgh. It operated as a partnership enterprise, dealing in wholesale groceries, succeeding the Skidmore Mercantile Company. The firm was dissolved, however, in 1904, when Mr. Howard started the present firm of G. E. Howard & Company. Associated with him in the conduct of this business are John A. Riley (*q. v.*), W. T. Shields and B. U. Lawson. The firm's products are distributed over six counties—Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, Dutchess, Rockland and Putnam. The firm has a large fleet of motorized trucks, and employs upwards of fifty people. Their three large buildings have a floor space totaling sixty thousand square feet, and there is a private railroad siding.

G. E. Howard & Company, under Mr. Howard's guidance and direction, has developed into one of the largest firms of its kind in this region of New York State, and it is also one of the oldest. Now widely known and honored as senior partner in this business, George E. Howard is highly respected by all who know him, and takes

justifiable pride in continuing this organization for so many years, always on the same street. The company dates back fifty-six years to the eighties of the last century. In addition to the business, Mr. Howard is concerned with civic and social activities in his community, although he has never sought public office. He belongs to the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce and the City Club of Newburgh. Fraternally he is a member of Hudson River Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 247. In the Masonic Order he has many affiliations, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and being an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

In 1912 George E. Howard married Anna L. Davis. They have reared Mrs. Howard's daughter of an earlier marriage, Mrs. W. T. Hilton, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton have two children: William T., 3d, and George Howard Hilton.

ALBERT ARNOLD AGOR—Operating the old Agor family farm in Mahopac, Albert Arnold Agor is one of this community's active and prominent citizens.

Mr. Agor was born on the Agor homestead property at Mahopac, New York, June 27, 1903, son of William H., born May 8, 1881, on the Agor homestead where the present Mr. Agor lives, and Helen M. (Arnold) Agor, a member of an old Quaker New York State family. His paternal grandfather, William Agor, and his great-grandfather, Harrison Agor, resided on this same farm property, which originally was a tract of about six hundred acres, although the size of it has since been reduced through the sale of part of it.

Albert Arnold Agor attended public schools in Mahopac, and after completing his high school studies he bought a 250-acre farm in Pawling, a property that had been originally purchased by his maternal grandfather, Jefferson Arnold. That farm, which he acquired at the age of twenty, had been in the possession of one or another member of the family for eight generations, counting Albert A. Agor's son. It was finally sold to Harry J. Kurrus, of New York City, in March, 1929. Albert A. Agor then returned to his father's farm at Mahopac, which he has since operated. It now consists of 220 acres. In addition to his other activities in this district of New York State, Mr. Agor joined with other members of his family, in 1940, in building what is known as the "Village Barn," situated on Route 6, Mahopac, widely known restaurant and bowling center. He has also interested himself in cattle and horse dealing.

A Democrat in politics, he is active in political and civic life. He belongs to the Putnam County Farm Bureau and the Westchester County Farm Bureau, and

is a member of the Methodist Church. Fishing is one of his favorite forms of recreation.

In January, 1926, in Mount Vernon, New York, Albert Arnold Agor married Evelyn L. Frost, daughter of Edward and Georgianna (Lounsberry) Frost. Her father was a prominent farmer in Yorktown and vicinity, and Mrs. Agor herself was born in Jefferson Valley, Westchester County. Mr. and Mrs. Agor became the parents of three children: 1. Max A., born in 1926, in Mahopac, attended local public schools, and is a high school student at the time of writing. 2. William Frost, born in 1928, in Mahopac, and attends Mahopac High School. 3. Lloyd Harrison, born in 1933, in Mahopac, and attends school in Mahopac.

JACOB A. DECKER—In the course of a busy life, Jacob A. Decker of Newburgh, Orange County, has won reputation as a successful attorney, useful citizen and an able leader in many phases of the life of his city. He was born in Newburgh, New York, April 23, 1890, son of Nelson and Julia (Birdsall) Decker, and received much of his education in the grade schools of the city, and the Newburgh Free Academy.

He "read law" with Judge Henry Kohl, who proved an excellent preceptor. Admitted to the bar in 1912, Jacob A. Decker has since been engaged in the independent practice of his profession for the past three decades. He remains a student of the law, never content with previous or present attainments, and above all the conscientious and capable representative of the best interest of clients. He was formerly a justice of the peace, and for two terms was city recorder of the city of Newburgh.

Mr. Decker is a Republican in political allegiance as regards party, but somewhat independent in his voting and the choice of the candidate to whom he lends support. Fraternally he is affiliated with Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and Newburgh Lodge, No. 247, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler and Past District Deputy. Along professional lines he is a member of the American Bar Association, Orange County Bar Association, and the Newburgh City Bar Association, of which he is a past president. He is also a past president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the chamber of commerce, and the Powelton Club, and holds membership in the Newburgh Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Decker is a speaker of note, and has spoken before many clubs and organizations in Orange County and the Hudson Valley. He attends St. George's Episcopal Church, at Newburgh.

At Greenwich, Connecticut, Jacob A. Decker married Mrs. Mary E. (Leonard) Wiess, daughter of Mark and Harriet Leonard. Mr. and Mrs. Decker are the parents of three children: 1. Jayne, born in 1918, a graduate of Harcum Junior College, at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

She married Stephen Zuchowski, lieutenant in United States Air Corps. 2. Ruth E., born in 1923, a graduate of Mount St. Mary's Academy, now engaged as a telephone operator; married Raymond Climer, a sergeant in United States Army at West Point, New York. 3. Jacob A., Jr., born in 1925, now serving in the Medical Corps, United States Army, World War II.

EARL T. KETCHAM—For many years active in contracting and building in Fishkill, Earl T. Ketcham is recognized as one of his community's leading business men.

Mr. Ketcham was born August 1, 1903, in East Fishkill, New York, son of Thomas and Cassie L. (Conklin) Ketcham, who are now deceased. His father was engaged in agricultural pursuits, operating the farm which has now been taken over by Roy C. Ketcham (*q. v.*), Earl T. Ketcham's brother.

Public schools of East Fishkill, his birthplace, provided Earl T. Ketcham's early formal education. Until 1927 he worked on the farm of his father in East Fishkill, as indicated above. Then, in 1927, he started the general contracting and building work which he has continued down to the time of writing in Fishkill. Not long ago he purchased a tract of land, which he split up into one hundred and ten building lots. This property is situated on the edge of Fishkill, and as soon as the war time emergency passes by he plans to build a home on each of the lots.

A man of many interests and affiliations, Mr. Ketcham is a trustee of the Fishkill Banking Institute, having so served since 1935. He is fraternally active, belonging to the Improved Order of Red Men and the Grange.

In 1926, in Fishkill, New York, Earl T. Ketcham married Agnes Bordick. They became the parents of a son, James Ketcham, who was born in 1938.

ROBERT L. DECKER—Postmaster Robert L. Decker of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, is one of the best illustrations of the interesting fact that this section of New York seems to have retained a tremendous hold upon the affections of its native sons. Mr. Decker was born in this charming Middle Hudson River Valley part of New York State, April 26, 1907, son of Philmore E. and Carrie (Van Benschoten) Decker, his father being a retired contractor and builder of Rhinebeck, one of its substantial and esteemed citizens.

Robert L. Decker rounded out his formal education in Rhinebeck and other schools, and then matriculated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1930, with a degree in civil engineering. For a time he followed professional work with the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. Two years later (1932) he became associated with Frank L. Teal of Rhinebeck, soon becoming a partner in this engineering firm.



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In 1939 Robert L. Decker was appointed the postmaster of Rhinebeck, a just recognition of both his abilities and leadership in local affairs. In this post he continues to serve the public most capably. Since May 29, 1940, he has had his appointment confirmed under Civil Service examinations, so that it would appear that he has many years before him as postmaster of Rhinebeck. It should be made clear that he still continues his engineering connections and activities, with success and a wider reputation. Notably public-spirited, Mr. Decker is a prominent member of the local Civic Club, serving as its president in 1942, and an active worker in promoting the best interests of the town. He belongs, too, to the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and his religious affiliations are with the Third Lutheran Church, of Rhinebeck.

J. PERCY KIMBALL—Making a substantial contribution to banking practice in Walden, J. Percy Kimball is connected with the Walden Savings Bank.

Mr. Kimball was born September 23, 1884, in Parksville, New York, son of Joel and Mary (Schoonmaker) Kimball, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a miller in Parksville until the close of his life.

J. Percy Kimball attended public schools at Parksville and Liberty, New York, and subsequently was a student at the Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie. His first employment was with the New York Knife Company, in Walden, where he remained for thirteen years. He was then associated with the Warwick Knife Company for six years. In 1927 he entered the employ of the First National Bank & Trust Company of Walden as a teller, and from that post was advanced to ever more responsible duties. He was made assistant cashier of the bank in the early thirties of the present century and in 1941 became cashier serving thus until January, 1945, when he became associated with the Walden Savings Bank.

He is active fraternally as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

In Black River, New York, August 15, 1915, J. Percy Kimball married Mary J. Sterling. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Sterling O., who is associated with the General Motors Corporation. 2. Howard G., lieutenant (j. g.) of the United States Navy. 3. Robert J., a lieutenant with the Army Air Forces.

PAUL E. SCHMITTMAN—For years active in business and civic affairs in Tompkins Corners and this region of Putnam County, Paul E. Schmittman for years conducted a general store here and also served as postmaster of this community. He has held a number of other positions of responsibility here, and is one of his district's very active and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Schmittman was born December 8, 1895, in New York City, son of Herman and Marie (Stumpf) Schmittman. New York City public schools provided Paul E. Schmittman's early formal education, and he later attended schools in Park Ridge, New Jersey. When only sixteen years of age he began serving an apprenticeship in the plumbing and steamfitting trade, and after acquiring a knowledge of this work he was associated with different plumbing and heating contractors in New York City. Subsequently he purchased a general store in Tompkins Corners, Putnam County, and came here to live in 1921. Operating this store for many years, he served for eight of those years as postmaster of this community, running both post office and store simultaneously. At length, in 1927, he sold the store to Harold H. Wixon, who still conducts it.

Among his other activities, Mr. Schmittman was formerly a school trustee at Tompkins Corners. From 1931 to 1937 he was town clerk of the town of Putnam Valley, and is now serving as fire warden of Putnam County. In 1937 he was elected highway superintendent of Putnam Valley, which office he holds to the present time. Through all these years of private activity and public service Mr. Schmittman has also maintained his own plumbing and heating business. He is a member of the Putnam County Farm Bureau and the 4H Club Association, Putnam Valley Grange, No. 841, also State and National granges, Putnam Valley Kent District, No. 1, Nursing Association, and New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, Inc. In 1944 he was made treasurer of the Putnam Valley Democratic Club and of the Putnam County committee of his party. Fraternally he is affiliated with Croton Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Brewster, and he belongs to Cortlandt Lodge, No. 6, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Peekskill. He is a member of the Methodist Church and serves on the board of trustees of the church.

On June 2, 1917, in the town of Putnam Valley, Paul E. Schmittman married Frida W. Schulz, daughter of Ernst and Alma (Hausten) Schulz, of New York City and Tompkins Corners. The Schmittmans became the parents of two children: 1. Alma, born in New York City, July 27, 1918, educated in Putnam Valley Central School and Peekskill High School, then attended the Scudder School, New York City; she became the wife of Melvin White, of Putnam Valley, son of Judge John White and Mrs. Rose White, of New York City and Putnam Valley. 2. Paul, Jr., born in New York City, July 21, 1920, graduated from the Putnam Valley Central School and Peekskill High School; a first class private in the army at the time of writing, serving overseas.

CHARLES CARPENTER COLEMAN—Several generations of the Coleman family, of Goshen, have been prominent in the town's professional life and active in public affairs. Charles Carpenter Coleman is a well-known Orange County attorney who has practiced his profession at the county seat for the past twenty-three years. His father chose medicine as his career and served Goshen exceptionally well for many years.

The younger Mr. Coleman was born in Goshen, New York, March 18, 1893, son of Dr. James C. and Mrs. Ann Elizabeth (Hulse) Coleman. He acquired his academic education in the grade and high schools of his birth city. Matriculating at the Albany Law School, he was graduated with the class of 1917, a Bachelor of Laws. He did not apply for admission to the bar at that time, because of World War I activities. As a member of Company A, 10th Infantry Regiment, New York National Guard, he had accompanied his unit to the border during the conflict with Mexico and the pursuit of Pancho Villa. When the guard was absorbed by the United States Army, he continued with his corps, but was still in an officers' training school when the Armistice was signed, and soon thereafter he received his honorable discharge from the army.

In 1920, Charles Carpenter Coleman was admitted to the bar and opened offices in Goshen. He has been a justice of the peace since 1923, and in July, 1943, was a candidate for special surrogate. Mr. Coleman is a member of the Orange County Bar Association, and is popular with professional colleagues and the large clientele he has built up. The breadth of his interests and activities is evidenced by his organizational memberships. He belongs to the Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and has been president since 1932 of the Cataract Engine and Hose Company, and member of the Orange County Conservation Gun Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 365, Free and Accepted Masons; and a member of the American Numismatic Society and the American Legion Post No. 377, of which he is a past commander. He is a member and an elder of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Coleman makes a hobby of collecting old United States coins, of which he has a notable collection.

HAROLD EDWARD PELTON—Twenty years ago Harold Edward Pelton came to Middletown to work in the Pelton Hardware Company. He remained to become first a partner, then owner of the business, and one of the progressive citizens who have contributed so largely to the progress of this Orange County city and the welfare of its people. He was born in Malvern, Pennsylvania, in 1892, son of Avery and Sarah T. (Thorn-ton) Pelton.

After graduating from the grade and high schools of Middletown, and Pierce Business College, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Harold Edward Pelton became identified with contracting and building in Philadelphia, asso-

ciated with the firm of Irwin & Leighton. In 1923, he removed to Middletown to enter the employ of the Pelton Hardware Company. Three years later he was admitted to full partnership with C. D. Pelton, the owner, and Mark F. Ryan. In 1936, C. D. Pelton purchased the interest in the firm of Mr. Ryan, and in 1938 he sold the business to Harold E. Pelton, of this record, who has since been sole owner. Pelton Hardware Company carries a large variety of hardware and builders' supplies and paints of such famous companies as Sherwin-Williams. Service to the agriculturalists of this section of Orange County is emphasized, but a general trade is not neglected.

Mr. Pelton is a member of the old Monhagen Fire Company, of which he also was an officer, and is active in the affairs of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce. He attends the First Presbyterian Church.

On March 9, 1930, at Middletown, New York, Harold Edward Pelton married Helen G. Tolles, daughter of J. C. and Rose (Hibbard) Tolles, and they are the parents of two children: Mary H., born June 29, 1931; John H., born November 24, 1932.

FRANK B. HILL—A native and lifelong resident of Goshen, Orange County, Frank B. Hill is one of its best known citizens. He is a successful business man, civic leader and active figure in the life of the community. Born in Goshen, in 1876, he is the son of Henry L. and Jane (Kipp) Hill, both of whom are now deceased. For many years his father followed the trade of carpenter.

After receiving his education in the public schools of his birthplace, Frank B. Hill was variously employed until about 1893 when he became connected with James G. Speir in his hardware store in Goshen. After learning the business in all its ramifications, Mr. Hill became a partner with Mr. Newbury in 1902, purchasing the business from Mr. Speir. Since 1917, Mr. Hill has been sole owner of the enterprise. He carries a full line of hardware, paints and building materials, in connection with a complete merchandising stock, his store being one of the best equipped of its kind in this section of the State.

Mr. Hill has been village trustee of Goshen for the past fourteen years, is a director of the Goshen Savings Bank, and is depended upon to do all in his power for the betterment of the community.

In 1912, at Goshen, New York, Frank B. Hill married Ruth Rowe, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Roland, who married Henrietta Getman, and they have a daughter, Martha, and a son, Lance Roland. 2. Jane, now wife of Joseph Strohsahl, and they have one son, Robert.

JOHN B. CONNELLY—A man of broad experience in several lines of business in New York City, John B. Connelly returned to his birth city in Orange County and was shortly thereafter made village clerk of this place, Goshen. He has since continued to fill the posi-

tion, and serves the public with exceptional skill and knowledge. He joins in heartily with local activities and has been frequently drafted for leadership of organizations, such as the American Legion and the Holy Name Society. He was born in Goshen, New York, May 15, 1897, son of Michael F. and Mary (Walsh) Connelly, both of whom are now deceased. His father long had been a passenger conductor on the Erie Railroad, a position he held at the time of his passing.

John B. Connelly entered the Garr Institute, from which he was graduated in 1915. During the following year he received a diploma from the Ramsdell Business College at Middletown, New York. His first position of importance was with the K. & B. Chemical Company, of New York. The entrance of the United States into the First World War changed for a time the course of his career when he joined the Officers' Training Corps, United States Army, where he was continued until the Armistice was signed. Upon his return to civilian life he established a direct mail advertising business in New York City, which he disposed of in 1929 and became associated with commercial photography, also in New York City, until 1937. Mr. Connelly returned to his birthplace, the county seat of Orange County, in 1937, and was appointed village clerk, which post he continues to fill most efficiently. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is president of the Holy Name Society of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, of which he is a member. He is a past commander of Goshen American Legion Post, and at the present time is commander of Orange County American Legion Post. He serves as recording and financial secretary of Minisink Hook and Ladder Company and is secretary and treasurer of the Goshen Fire Department.

At Honesdale, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1941, John B. Connelly married Letitia Cusick.

RAYMOND I. SURESKY—For many years Raymond I. Suresky has been active in the business life of Goshen, where he conducts an automobile business, handling Chrysler products. In addition to the cars, he operates a full sales and service agency.

Mr. Suresky was born March 15, 1892, in New York City, son of Morris and Rebecca Suresky. His father was engaged in the produce business until his death in 1928. He was a native of Russia.

Public schools of New York City provided Raymond I. Suresky's early formal education, and he early became associated with his father in the produce business. He was active in both the raising of the produce and in its sale and distribution. In 1916 he entered the hotel business in Warwick, New York, and three years later, in 1919, he settled in Goshen. Here he entered the automobile business, handling Chrysler products, as indicated above, and conducting a full sales and service establishment. He has continued this enterprise down to the time of writing, so that the agency is one of the oldest to

operate continuously under the same name in Goshen over a period of many years. Mr. Suresky's field extends over a twenty-mile radius leading out from Goshen.

Aside from being the sole owner of this automobile business, Mr. Suresky is a director of the Goshen Savings & Loan Association and a leading figure in civic and social life here. He was president of the Goshen Rotary Club in 1942-43, and is a director of the Goshen Board of Trade. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Middletown Synagogue.

In 1918 Raymond I. Suresky married Sarah Kirschner, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Harold E., born in 1926. 2. Marilyn, born in 1929. 3. Philip, born in 1933.

DOROTHY R. BULL—An excellent example of the modern woman in the professions is found in the career of Dorothy R. Bull, widely known and esteemed optometrist of Middletown, Orange County. She brought to her chosen work broad education and technical training, combined with general and particular qualifications of intelligence, acumen, and a genuine desire to be of service to the public. There are none who can say that her professional reputation and exemplary citizenship are not merited.

Miss Bull is a native of Monroe, New York, the daughter of Edward and Ada (Marvin) Bull, member of families that have been outstanding in Southeastern New York. She was graduated from the grammar and high schools of Middletown, New York, and was a student at the Albany College, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, before matriculating at Columbia University, New York City, where she was graduated from its school of optometry in 1925. During the following four years Miss Bull was associated with Dr. Parker in Middletown, Orange County, then established her own office at No. 67 North Street, Middletown. She has since moved her office to 119 North Street, where she is practicing her profession with noteworthy success. She is a member of the New York State Optometrists Association and the Hudson Valley Optometrists Association.

JOSEPH W. GOTT, III—For 101 years the Sayer Lumber Company has been one of the important business concerns of Goshen, Orange County, New York. It is worthy of note that it has been operated continuously by some member of the family, its present proprietor being Joseph W. Gott, III, grandson of the founder. Mr. Gott, the third of his name, is a native of Goshen, New York, born July 26, 1887, son of Joseph W. and Jane (Sayer) Gott, his father being a well-known attorney, and "Dean" of the Orange County bar at the time of his demise.

Joseph W. Gott, III, was educated in the grade and high schools of his birth village, and Stevens Institute of

Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey. His first employment of importance was connected with shop management, and he was engaged by several manufacturers over a period of seven years. From 1914 to 1917, he was associated with the lumber trade, leaving to enlist in the military service of his country during World War I. He was seventeen months in the United States Army, most of the time as a member of Company F, of the 10th Corps of Engineers.

In 1922, Mr. Gott returned to Goshen and became secretary of the Sayer Lumber Company, founded by his maternal grandfather in 1884. Since 1936 he has been sole owner of the company, which caters to a large number of builders, contractors, and others over a wide area in and around the county seat of Orange County. Mr. Gott is a director of the Goshen Coöperative Savings & Loan Association. During the past two decades he has held almost every town office except that of mayor, and is at present village trustee of Goshen. He is a popular rotarian, and a former president of the Goshen Rotary Club. Mr. Gott is a member of the board of trustees of Goshen Presbyterian Church, and a leader in many civic, religious and humanitarian movements.

In 1923, at Brooklyn, New York, Joseph W. Gott, III, married Josephine Ebbets, and they are the parents of a son, Joseph W. Gott, 4th, born in August, 1924. He is a graduate of Goshen High School, and is now serving in the United States Navy as a hospital apprentice, 3d class.

JOSEPH T. GIBSON—For many years associated with the Cornwall National Bank, Joseph T. Gibson performs a valuable work as this institution's cashier.

Mr. Gibson was born July 5, 1907, in Cornwall, New York, son of Thomas L. and Helen A. (Bockis) Gibson. His father is associated with the Firth Carpet Company, of this place.

Cornwall public schools provided Joseph T. Gibson's early formal education. Upon finishing his studies, he turned to banking operations, becoming associated with the Cornwall National Bank. In 1936 he was made the bank's cashier, and in 1945 became vice-president-cashier, and in this responsible position he has done much to advance the standing of the institution in the community. He has for several years been one of the directors of the bank, and his service to the community and its people and institutions through the Cornwall National Bank has been a very valuable one. The bank was established in 1911 with a capitalization of \$25,000, and thereafter it had a steady and normal growth until at the time of writing it is capitalized at \$50,000. It is headed by J. S. Holloran as president. The other officers are: A. C. Palmer, vice-president; Mr. Gibson, vice-president-cashier; and James R. Bevins, Isaac M. Cocks, William B. Cocks; Mr. Gibson, John S. Holloran, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Patrick, Thomas W. Pitcher, Thomas K. Taft and Edmund H. Sehrang, directors.

Along with his banking activities, Mr. Gibson concerns himself with a wide variety of civic and social affairs in his community. He belongs to the Lions Club. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph T. Gibson married, in 1938, in Cornwall, New York, Kathryn Geelan. They became the parents of two children: 1. Patricia Ann, born in 1941. 2. Kathleen Ellen, born in 1943.

J. HENRY EKSTROM—For years associated with the New York Central Railroad, J. Henry Ekstrom serves the company as towerman and telegrapher at Dyckmans.

Mr. Ekstrom was born April 9, 1897, at Tilly Foster, southeastern Putnam County, son of John and Emma (Holt) Ekstrom. His father, born in Sweden, now deceased, came to Putnam County as a young man, settling in Tilly Foster and working in the iron mines here. Subsequently he operated the Lakeview Hotel here. He died in 1924. The mother, Mrs. Emma (Holt) Ekstrom, lives in Tilly Foster, and she, too, is a native of Sweden.

Public schools of Tilly Foster provided J. Henry Ekstrom's early formal education, and he was graduated from Brewster High School in 1916. Entering the employ of the New York Central Railroad as a station agent and telegrapher in 1917, he has for years served in these same capacities. At the entry of the United States into the First World War, in 1917, Mr. Ekstrom entered the navy as an electrician and radio worker, so continuing until the signing of the Armistice in November, 1918. Continuing in the armed forces until February, 1919, he then returned home and resumed his work with the New York Central, where he remains down to the time of writing.

In addition to his railway work, which has been noteworthy, Mr. Ekstrom has taken a lively interest in local affairs. He was elected tax collector of the town of Southeast for 1926 and 1927, and township supervisor in the autumn of 1929, taking office in January, 1930. He has since then been constantly reelected down to the time of writing. Since 1940 he has been chairman of the Putnam County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ekstrom is also active in several local organizations, among them Brewster Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all offices up to and including that of deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of New York. He is a member of Argonne Post, No. 71, of Brewster, of the American Legion and Brewster Lodge, No. 368, Free and Accepted Masons, and is active in the Protestant Episcopal Church in Brewster. Very fond of dogs, he has made a hobby of dog fancying, particularly Great Danes.

J. Henry Ekstrom married, October 8, 1924, in Danbury, Connecticut, Olga Altnier, born in Danbury, daughter of John and Wilma (Kniezner) Altnier.



J. Henry Ekstrom

MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY

CLUB—To the devotees of golf and the out-of-doors, the Mountain View Golf and Country Club presents all that one could ask or seek, particularly if he lives within Greater New York City. Here on the fine eight hundred-acre estate of Adolph Zukor (*q. v.*) are some eighteen holes of sporting championship golf that compares favorably with the courses in the East, or in the United States for that matter. Its perfect greens, well-kept fairways and interesting hazards make for ideal holidays to the golfer of almost any class, dub or expert. "Gilly" Van Houten is the beloved professional, and Charles Johnston is the genial and popular general manager and personal representative of Mr. Zukor.

Recounting almost verbatim from a newspaper article concerning the opening of the club in 1944, it should be pointed out that the golf links and surroundings were laid out with a lavish hand by Adolph Zukor, and with an eye ever alert to things beautiful, every foot of ground at the Mountain View Golf and Country Club holds the attention of all who go there. The rose garden, the large formal gardens, the flowers, the gorgeous trees and shrubs and the velvet-like lawns show the infinite care and loving touch of an expert gardener—and to Alexander Petrie, affectionately known as "Sandy," who has been head gardener at Mountain View for over twenty years, goes the full measure of credit.

The Mountain View Golf and Country Club also offers exceptional hotel facilities, accommodating some sixty people. Many of last season's guests have made reservations for the entire season, so popular has this phase of the club become. Reservations are made in writing or by telephoning New City 626.

Everything pertaining to the comfort and convenience of its patrons has been provided at this unusual resort, including a most delightful cocktail lounge and bar, spacious game and card rooms, and many other features. The Club Restaurant, noted for its delicious food and excellent service, is presided over, as restaurant manager and chef, by Etienne Hilaire, formerly of the Waldorf-Astoria and the Hotel Biltmore, with Attilio Croci, latterly of the St. Regis, as head waiter in charge of the dining room.

A most unusual and delightful feature of the Mountain View Golf and Country Club is the beautiful blue-white tiled crystal-clear swimming pool. Constructed in a setting of natural beauty this pool is one of the most popular spots at the club from the very moment it is opened. Adjoining the pool is the well-kept tennis court—another ever popular place.

JOHN F. CLEARY—Not the least of the achievements of John F. Cleary is more than forty years of continuous public service to Port Jervis, Orange County, as village and city clerk, his status changing with that of the community that adopted a city government thirty-eight years ago. He is the very good friend of hundreds of

citizens who hold him in sincere affection and esteem.

He was born in the town of Deerpark, New York, February 29, 1880, son of John and Ann (Fitzpatrick) Cleary, both of whom are now deceased. His father during his active life was a railroad engineer, a substantial citizen of the community.

After obtaining his education in the schools of Port Jervis, John F. Cleary was variously employed in clerical work in Port Jervis until July 27, 1902, on which date he was elected village clerk. Since Port Jervis reached the status of a city, in July, 1907, Mr. Cleary has held the office of city clerk, a post he continues to fill to the satisfaction of its citizens. He is a director of the First National Bank of Port Jervis, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party. He attends St. Mary's Catholic Church.

At Port Jervis, on June 17, 1908, John F. Cleary married Anna V. Nolan, of Port Jervis, daughter of Edward P. Nolan and Mary (Kennedy) Nolan. Mr. and Mrs. Cleary became the parents of a daughter, Hildegard M., who married William C. Marchant, city treasurer of Port Jervis, and they have two children, John William and Jane Ann Marchant. Mrs. Cleary died September 10, 1931.

J. ALLAN BALLMAN—Middletown, Orange County, has in the past and in the present acquired the services of an exceptionally noteworthy group of legal lights, although this is supposed to be a characteristic of the county seat. One of this brilliant coterie, J. Allan Ballman has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in the city since his graduation from law school and admission to the bar. A specialist in criminal law, he has been identified with many outstanding cases in the more recent history of Orange County and is held in unusually high favor by colleagues in the southern part of New York State, including the metropolis.

He is a native and almost lifelong resident of Middletown, born there May 23, 1903, son of Jacob S. and Sarah (Bodine) Ballman. His father, an armorer at the New York State Armory, was a veteran of the Spanish-American War; the Mexican Border incident, and the First World War in which he served as a captain of Company I, 1st Regiment, originally a New York National Guard unit. He was gassed while overseas and received his honorable discharge from the army.

J. Allan Ballman was graduated from the grade and high schools of Middletown, and matriculated at the Albany Law School, Union University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1925, a Bachelor of Laws. During the following year he was admitted to the bar and has since practiced his profession in Middletown with marked ability and success.

He was too young for military service during World War I, and although a member of the New York State National Guard, sergeant of Company D, 132d Ammuni-

tion Train, he is not of the age that is likely to get into the present global war. Mr. Ballman is a former president of the Middletown Bar Society, and member of the Orange County Bar Association, and the New York State Bar Association. His religious affiliations are with Christ Universalist Church.

On June 14, 1929, at Middletown, New York, J. Allan Ballman married Gladys Dromgoole, daughter of Frank and Merle (Writer) Dromgoole. Mr. and Mrs. Ballman are the parents of three daughters: 1. Phyllis, born September 19, 1930. 2. Janet, born October 26, 1932. 3. Sandra, born January 5, 1936.

GUY F. AXTELL, D. D. S.—Carrying on a general practice of dentistry in Saugerties, Guy F. Axtell is a leader in the professional and civic life of this community.

Dr. Axtell was born November 22, 1889, in Deposit, New York, son of Erwin and Lamora (Hess) Axtell. His father was a millwright.

Public schools furnished Guy F. Axtell's early education through the high school grades, and he was graduated from high school at Sidney, New York. He then became a student at the University of Pennsylvania, where in 1914 he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. At the outset of his career he practiced his profession in Oneonta, New York, but in 1915 he removed to Saugerties. Here he established a practice that became increasingly lucrative with the passing of the years and so continues down to the time of writing. His work is of a general nature, including all phases of dentistry and dental surgery.

In addition to his professional work, Dr. Axtell takes a deep interest in the affairs of Saugerties, where he is a school director, a leading Republican, and vice-president and a director of the Saugerties Savings Bank. He is a member of the Ulster County Dental Society, the New New York State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with many branches, including the Knights Templar Commandery and Cypress Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is active in promoting the interests of the Boy Scouts of America. Fond of the out-of-doors and healthful outdoor recreations, Dr. Axtell is a devotee of hunting and fishing.

Dr. Guy F. Axtell married, January 31, 1917, in Lynbrook, Long Island, New York, Electa M. Gardner, daughter of Harvey M. and Elizabeth (Champlin) Gardner. Her father was superintendent of the sash and blind factory in his community, and her mother was a music teacher. Mrs. Axtell herself was graduated from the State Teachers' College at Oneonta, and afterward taught school at Rockville Centre. Dr. and Mrs. Axtell became the parents of the following children: 1. Eleanor, born January 24, 1918, attended the Fashion Academy, in New

York City, and took a business course at Pratt Institute; she became the wife of Gordon R. Sawyer-Dolby and the mother of their one child, Aldrich Sawyer-Dolby, who was born September 9, 1942. 2. Arthur, born July 4, 1919, took the Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maine in 1942, now a lieutenant (j. g.) in the navy; he married Hazel E. White. 3. Erwin D., born December 16, 1926, graduated from Saugerties High School in June, 1944, and is now in the navy, seaman second class. 4. Joanne, born February 19, 1928, expects to graduate from Saugerties High School in June, 1945.

ALLAN BURR SNIFFEN—For many years active in Spring Valley and Rockland County affairs, Allan Burr Sniffen is a funeral director here. He also is engaged in banking operations and is active in a wide variety of civic undertakings.

Mr. Sniffen was born November 14, 1897, in Amherst, Massachusetts, son of Clarence L. and Alice (Burr) Sniffen. On the maternal side he is descended from Stephen H. Burr, his mother's father.

Allan B. Sniffen attended public schools, was graduated from Spring Valley High School in 1917, then entered the army. On June 5, 1917, he enlisted and was sent to Fort Wadsworth, New York, where he was assigned to the 6th Company of Southern New York. In the autumn of 1917 he attended the Sergeant Major School at Fortress Monroe. Then, after being made a sergeant major, junior grade, he was sent overseas as battalion sergeant in the 1st Battalion, 68th Coast Artillery Corps, unassigned. He proceeded next to the Officers Training School at Saumur, France, where he was graduated as a cadet.

After the restoration of peace at the close of the First World War, he became a student at the University of Wisconsin, in Madison, Wisconsin. He then became associated with his father-in-law, the late Stephen H. Smith, in 1928, continuing down to the time of writing as one of Spring Valley's leading funeral directors. He operates the business independently since Mr. Smith's death, November 29, 1932. After broad experience in different branches of business life, Mr. Smith went from the furniture business into undertaking, then finally disposed of his furniture department to give his entire attention to his work as a funeral director. Mr. Sniffen today continues the enterprise along the same constructive lines as those laid down by the founder, although adding his own original methods and doing everything always to provide the maximum efficiency and comfort for his patrons.

In addition to his work as a funeral director, Mr. Sniffen is prominent along many other lines in Spring Valley and Rockland County. In 1933, after the reorganization of the Ramapo Trust Company, of Spring Valley, he became a director of the institution. Later, in 1934, he became vice-president of this bank, which is



Adrian Caggan

described as one of Rockland's strongest financial houses. In the spring of 1941 Mr. Sniffen became a member of the original committee for formation of the Spring Valley Brigade, whose duties were to instruct young men expecting to be called into service in the rudiments of military drill. He carried on this project in accordance with wholly American principles and ideas. Mr. Sniffen also supervised a survey of housing conditions with a view to caring for possible New York City evacuees in the event of an air raid or other emergency, performing this work for the war council and division of housing of the New York State government. Still later he was made assistant director of civilian protection for the Rockland County area and executive officer in charge of the County Control Center. At the same time he is a member of the County War Council and the Rockland County War Transportation Committee.

Mr. Sniffen is also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a charter member of the Spring Valley Rotary Club, and a leader in several fraternal orders. He belongs to Athelstan Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Spring Valley; is a past grand in Lodge No. 192 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and holds memberships in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Foresters of America. In spare time Mr. Sniffen enjoys fishing as a hobby, and he has developed a fine three-acre "Victory garden."

Allan B. Sniffen married, July 28, 1923, in Spring Valley, New York, Margaret S. Smith, daughter of the late Stephen Hopkins and Myra E. (Gurnee) Smith and member of an old and noted family. An earlier Stephen Hopkins was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Sniffen's grandfather was Nelson Smith. Stephen H. Smith, her father, was born on the Smith farm on Lime Kiln Road, in Ramapo, where he spent his early boyhood and youth. He went into the fruit and vegetable business as a young man, carrying on operations in the Schuyler Westervelt Building, at Main and Church streets, later owned by M. De Salvo. Afterward he and D. G. Heidgerd, of Monsey, entered the grocery business in what was then the Heidgerd Building and later became the Ramapo Trust Building. Then came the furniture business, which Stephen H. Smith founded and later augmented by his undertaking venture. The furniture store occupied the rooms now used by Charles Scharff. Mr. Smith was also active in a wide range of civic affairs in Spring Valley, and was a regular contributor to charitable projects. He joined the Columbian Engine Company in the nineties, and was instrumental in placing it on a sound financial basis. He was also a director of the Home Building & Loan Association, and was reelected at the annual meeting in January, 1932, but later withdrew from the directorship.

Mrs. Sniffen herself, Mr. Smith's daughter, was born May 9, 1899, in Spring Valley, and attended Spring

Valley public schools and the George School, conducted by the Society of Friends. In 1917 she was graduated from the Hackensack Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse. For a time she was a public health nurse, working on tuberculosis cases in Rockland County, and later, until her marriage, she was with the Summit Park sanitation department. At the time of writing Mrs. Sniffen is chairman of the Spring Valley Nurses, chairman of the Home Service Spring Valley Branch, Ramapo Chapter American Red Cross, and is a deputy nurse of the Rockland County Council for War Service in the Second World War. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Hackensack Nurses' Alumni Association, as well as of the Suffern Woman's Club, the American Legion auxiliary and the Rebekahs in Spring Valley. Mrs. Sniffen's great-grandmother was Hannah Taylor, a direct descendant of President Zachary Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sniffen became the parents of the following children: 1. Allan Mead Sniffen, born May 7, 1926, in Hackensack and named for an early supreme court judge of New York State, Allan Mead Sniffen; graduated from Spring Valley High School, class of 1944; enlisted May 5, 1944, in the United States Naval Hospital Corps, being made hospital apprentice 2d class and entered active service July 1, 1944, receiving his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training School; in October, 1944, he entered United States Naval Hospital Training School at Farragut, Idaho, graduating as hospital apprentice, first class, on February 3, 1945, with honors; is now at United States Naval Hospital, at Treasure Island, California. He is a charter member of the Rockland County Children of the American Revolution, in which he is affiliated with Abraham Onderdonk Chapter. 2. Stephen Hopkins Sniffen, born January 18, 1935, in Spring Valley.

ADRIAN CARGAIN—In Carmel, county seat of Putnam County, New York, Adrian Cargain has an established reputation as a mortician and progressive citizen. Much of the credit for his attainments he gives to a former associate, modestly saying little about the hard road he traveled to his present standing in the community.

Mr. Cargain is a native and almost lifelong resident of the Carmel area, born on a neighboring farm, October 3, 1908, son of George and Edith (Fisher) Cargain, both of whom are now deceased. His father died while the son of this record was an infant, leaving a large family dependent upon agriculture. Adrian Cargain attended the public schools of Mahopac and Mahopac Falls, but began contributing to the income of the family when fourteen years of age, as a farm boy, doing the regular chores and helping to milk, morning and night, a number of cows.

At sixteen, the spirit of adventure inspired him to seek larger opportunities, and he went to work on the farm of Edward Genong. His employer was also the local undertaker, and young Cargain frequently assisted him in his work. This determined the lad to make funeral directing his profession, but before this was accomplished, he had saved enough money to invest in a small property and ice business on Fowler Avenue in Carmel. Later this enterprise became a partnership and Mr. Cargain was at last free to attend the Renouard School for Embalmers, from which he received his diploma in 1930. Since passing the required State examinations he has been a mortician in his native community.

In 1932 he went in business for himself at Yorktown Heights, but after four months returned to Carmel, sold his ice and other business interests, and again joined Mr. Genong. In 1937 he built what is now the Cargain Funeral Home, to which he has made many changes, additions and improvements. In October, 1938, Mr. Genong, to whom his partner has frequently paid tribute for his training and guidance, passed away. Within less than half a year, Mr. Cargain purchased the business (February, 1939), and since then has grown in his profession and favor among the people of Carmel, and has entered, more and more constructively, local activities and organizations. He is a member of the long established Carmel Fire Department; of the Gleneida Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; the Carmel-Mahopac Rotary Club, and the New York State Funeral Directors Association.

At Carmel, New York, June 26, 1936, Adrian Cargain married Myrtle Lee Brown, born at Lynchburg, Virginia, daughter of James and Sarah (Dalton) Brown, of this city. Mrs. Cargain is a graduate nurse of Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Connecticut, and is a member of the Nurses Association of Putnam County. Mr. and Mrs. Cargain are the parents of a daughter, Darolyn Lee, born at Carmel, October 5, 1943.

RICHARD B. OVERBAGH—Carrying on a general practice of law in Kingston, Richard B. Overbagh is one of this city's leading professional men.

Mr. Overbagh was born September 13, 1914, in Saugerties, New York, son of Richard F. and Catherine (Cantline) Overbagh. His father is president of the Saugerties Coal & Lumber Company and a director of several banks.

Public schools of Saugerties provided Richard B. Overbagh's formal education through the high school grades. Then he became a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935, and in 1938 he was graduated from the Albany School of Law as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted in 1938 to the bar of the State of New York, Mr. Overbagh became associated with Clyde F. Gardner (*q. v.*),

a Saugerties lawyer, with whom he continued for one year. In 1939 he commenced a general practice of law in Kingston. He now has his offices here, and is associated in practice with N. LeVan Haver (*q. v.*), district attorney of Ulster County.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Overbagh belongs to the Ulster County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association and is a member of the Saugerties Club.

In 1938, in Saugerties, New York, Richard B. Overbagh married Elizabeth Donovan, daughter of John and Fannie (Schoetag) Donovan. They became the parents of two children: Nancy Catherine and David F.

WILLIAM F. C. SCHANZ—Operating his own dry cleaning company plant in Middletown, William F. C. Schanz is recognized as one of the city's leading public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Schanz was born February 1, 1894, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, son of John J. and Mary Schanz. His father was a merchant tailor. Both of his parents are now deceased.

William F. C. Schanz attended public schools in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and had two years of study at the School of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan, in that place. He was then connected with the Ford Motor Company until 1922, spending his last two years of association with that company in Middletown. In 1922 he bought out the French Cleaners & Dyers. In 1929, the name of Schanz Cleaners & Dyers was adopted, and the company grew and prospered in the years that followed until at the time of writing it employs more than forty men and women on a regular full time basis.

In addition to operating this successful plant, Mr. Schanz is active in civic affairs in Middletown. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, University of Michigan Club, New York City, the Middletown Club, and the Orange County Club and the Free and Accepted Masons, Hoffman Lodge, No. 412. He was formerly a director and vice-president of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Pennsylvania State Cleaners' and Dyers' Association, and a member of the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners of Silver Spring, Maryland. In the First World War he served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. He belongs to the American Legion, of which he was the first vice-president in Middletown, and he now has charge of the Legion's Toy Shop. Mr. Schanz is a member of the Universalist Church. He is on the maintenance advisory board of the office of defense transportation, and is a member of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Middletown, New York.

In Middletown, New York, August 16, 1920, William F. C. Schanz married Minnie Grace Stanlake, of Ironwood, Michigan.

NELSON LeVAN HAVER—District Attorney Nelson LeVan Haver, of Ulster County, has engaged in the practice of his profession for the past fifteen years at Kingston, New York. He is well known in his field of activity, serves a large clientele and keeps constantly in touch with colleagues and legal developments. Equally well he is active in civic affairs and enters heartily many local projects and organizations.

Born at Olive Bridge, New York, March 22, 1905, he is the son of William and Elizabeth (Hover) Haver, his father being a contractor and substantial native of Olive Bridge. Nelson LeVan Haver, after completing his formal education, matriculated at the Albany School of Law, from which he was graduated with the class of 1928, a Bachelor of Laws. That same year he began the practice of the law in the office of Judge Fred Traver, in Kingston, remaining for about a year. In 1929 he joined John W. Eckert in practice, and since 1932 established his own office in Kingston. His personal law work is of a general character.

Aside from his devotion to clients and other legal responsibilities, Mr. Haver is keenly interested in public affairs. In 1933 he was made assistant district attorney of Ulster County. In 1939 he was elected district attorney and again was returned to this office in 1942. He is a Republican in political party affiliations, prominent in campaigns and councils. Professional connections include memberships in the Ulster County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He is a former president of the Kingston Club, a member of the Wiltwick Golf Country Club; his recreations including golf and fishing. He is a member of the Fair Street Reformed Church, where he long has served on the official board.

At Kingston, New York, August 18, 1928, Nelson LeVan Haver married Jacquelyn Monroe, daughter of John R. and Elizabeth (Secor) Monroe, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Barbara Elizabeth, born February 22, 1931. 2. Cynthia Ann, born September 21, 1937.

MORRIS MONASHEFSKY—Among the industrialists who have made Kingston, Ulster County, an important factor in Hudson River Valley manufacturing, Morris Monashefsky is held in exceptionally high esteem. The history of his company, and of his association with his father and brother, is so much an integral part of his life, that it is related here as a major enterprise.

In 1934, Isador and his two sons, Morris and Charles Monashefsky, came to Kingston, New York, and established a business under the trade name of The Quality Maple Block Company. Their first location was in a small plant in the old Lorrillard Building, in the city. The purpose of the organization was the making of products for which there was a wide sale. The business grew rapidly and it was soon necessary to acquire larger

quarters. The old Schilling plant on Deyo Street was purchased and modernized to suit the manufacturing purposes of the firm. The normal complement of workers averages about thirty-five men. The Quality Maple Block Company specializes in meat cutting blocks and tables, and other products, the output being sold all over the United States. It is the largest concern of its kind in New York State and outstanding in its line in the Nation.

Isador Monashefsky came to the United States at the turn of the century, and both of his sons and two daughters were born in New York City. Charles was born in 1908; Morris on May 6, 1910. The latter-named, after completing his education, joined his father in business. Morris Monashefsky married Betty Giller, and they have a son, Harold S. Isador Monashefsky, who remains active, has six grandchildren, the sons and daughters of Morris, Charles and the daughters, Anne and Yetta.

OLIVE PRIOR KING—One of the most interesting stories of business in Middletown, Orange County, is that of Olive Prior King, and the company that now bears her name. While very young she inherited one of the oldest concerns in Southeastern New York, and since that time has shown herself an effective and skilled executive, taking her place alongside leaders of the opposite sex and has been, in many instances, an exemplar of the most progressive in commerce.

Olive Prior King was born in New York City, daughter of Charles Newton and Jennie (Cowan) Prior. Her grandfather, an old-time medical doctor who used many natural herbs and "simples" in his practice, collected a large number of home recipes and Indian medicines, which he found proved unusually efficacious in the cure of human ailments. So far back as 1847 he began to manufacture and sell to the public some of his formulæ, which won more than local reputation. This business was handed down to his son, Charles N. Prior, who conducted it until his passing on October 21, 1913.

It was then that the responsibilities of the firm were placed upon the shoulders of the daughter, Olive Prior, who with her husband, E. G. King, has since been the owner and directing head of the enterprise. One of the original formulæ was for the basic ingredients of the popular root beer, and to this day the O. Prior King concern distributes this over a large territory, but especially in four contiguous states. Medicines and flavoring extracts have long been productions of the firm. As already pointed out, Mrs. King has shown herself an exceptional executive in the conduct of what must assuredly be one of the oldest businesses in Orange County.

In 1914, Olive Prior married Elbridge Gerry King, son of Elbridge G. and Mary Emma (Taylor) King. Mr. King has been associated with this company since 1907 and is now in charge of the manufacturing end of the business. They are the parents of two children, of

whom with reason, they are exceptionally proud: 1. Elbridge Gerry, III, now a pilot with the commission of ensign, United States Naval Reserve. 2. Olive Prior, a graduate of Fifth Avenue Hospital, served as an American nurse in Australia, and is now in Dutch Guinea, serving in World War II.

GEORGE L. KERBERT—A native of Saugerties, New York, George L. Kerbert was born October 12, 1890, son of John H. and Julia (Cunningham) Kerbert, both also natives of Ulster County. For some years his father was a contracting painter and substantial citizen. The son, of this record, was educated in the schools of his birthplace and then entered the employ of F. M. Murphy to learn the plumbing trade. He served what in a former day would be called an "apprenticeship" and became a master mechanic. It was in this capacity that he went with the Martin Cantine Paper Company, a connection that was continued actively until 1922, since when he has been in the plumbing and heating business for himself at his present establishment, 133 Partition Street. It is noteworthy that to the present time, Mr. Kerbert is expert consultant to the great Martin Cantine Paper Company, receiving an annual salary as such.

It is a marked feature of the career of Mr. Kerbert, that he is as progressive a man and business leader, possessed of foresight, of courage in adopting new, and sometimes untried means and methods, never content to drift along with the tide of business and to do no more this year than he did in the past one. He is credited with being one of the first to introduce the oil burner in Ulster County, and not only to install this once novel device, but to instruct people in the way to use it. He has carried out effectively many large contracts, but is equally interested in the heating and plumbing problems of the average household, and there are many in present global war times.

During the years of an unusually busy life, George L. Kerbert had the honor of being elected mayor of Saugerties, New York. He justified the faith placed in him by the electorate by giving the community an exceptionally progressive administration. Things were accomplished under his leadership that hitherto had been only prospects long delayed, and he evolved plans and established bases for further developments of great value to the municipality, particularly now in a period of war.

It was as an advocate of progressive administration and the betterment of local conditions that he stood for election as mayor of Saugerties, and from March, 1937, to September, 1940, did a most constructive job in this post. Mayor Kerbert pushed to completion the sewage disposal plant that was erected in his régime, and in this same period arrangements were made and bonds sold that provided the funds for the construction of a new municipal building that was greatly needed. These are but samples from the number of improvements promoted while he was mayor.

Mr. Kerbert is a trustee of the Saugerties Savings Bank, and has been fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

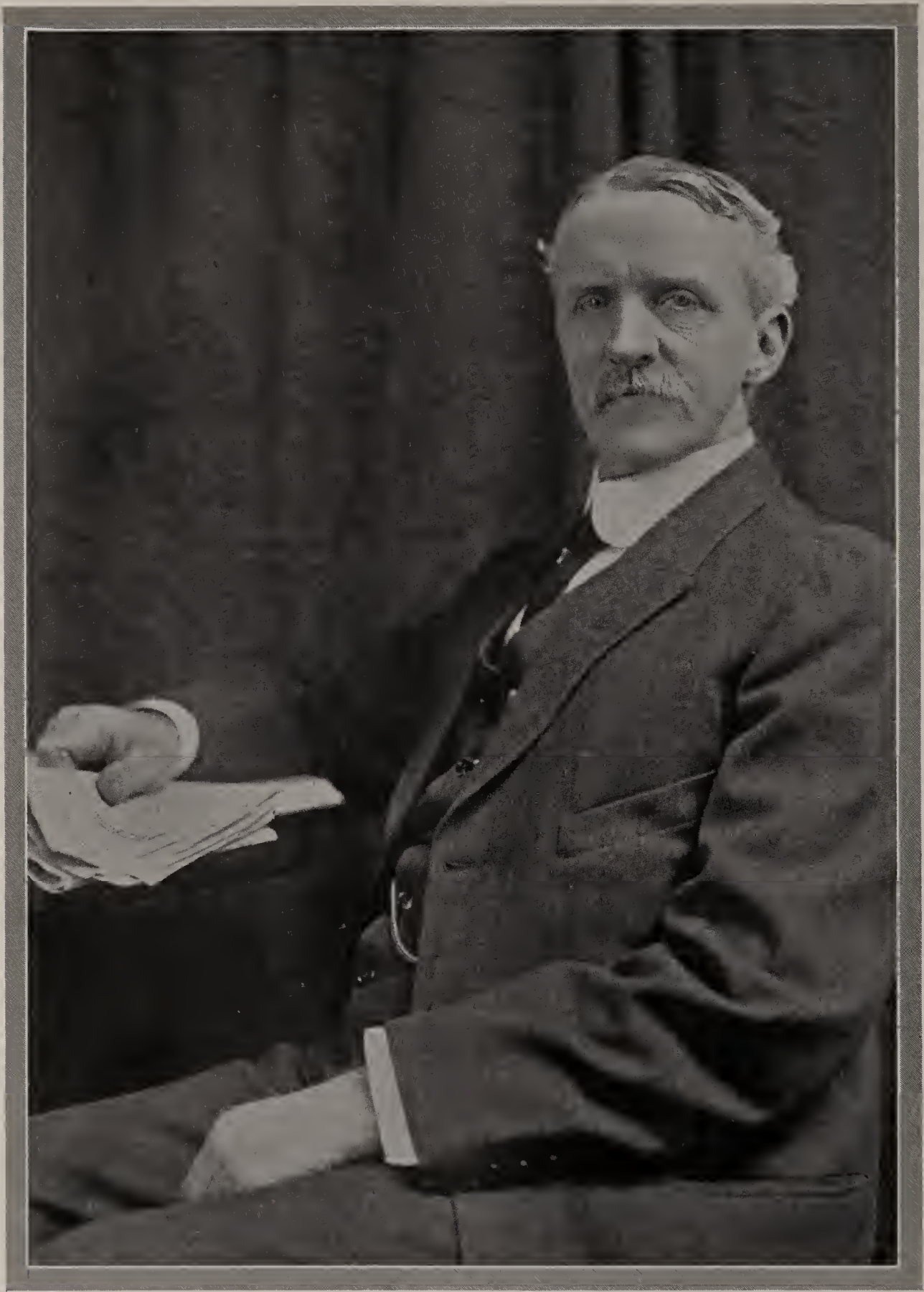
George L. Kerbert married (first) Lucy Malloy, who is deceased. They were the parents of a son, George J., who married Margaret Strutka, and is the father of two children. Mr. Kerbert married (second) Ethel Fitzgerald, who is deceased, and they had a son, John H. Mr. Kerbert married (third) May G. Malone, his present wife.

ALFRED JOHN MILLER—Since the turn of the century Alfred John Miller has been a resident of Ramapo, Rockland County, to whom the years have brought honors and opportunities for useful community services. In industry and banking he has risen to the presidency of several companies. As a progressive citizen and humanitarian he never fails to make the most of opportunities to promote the best interests of the municipality and the welfare of its people.

He was born at St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, in June, 1874, son of Robert and Anne (Madden) Miller, both of whom are now deceased and lie buried at St. Thomas. His mother was a native of London, England. Robert Miller, also born in London, came to St. Thomas as a young man, where he pursued the profession of the law and was Master of Chancery, Supreme Court, Province of Ontario.

Alfred John Miller obtained his education in the grade and high schools of his birthplace, and studied at the Collegiate Institute in this same city, from which he was graduated in 1890. When he was eighteen years old he obtained work with the Griffin Wheel Company, of St. Thomas, manufacturers of fan wheels, remaining here until 1900. In that year he came to Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, taking charge of the company plant here, the Ramapo Fan Wheel Company. In 1901 this branch was reorganized under the trade title of the Ramapo Foundry & Wheel Works, of which Mr. Miller was made general manager, a post he held until 1920 when he became president of the concern.

Mr. Miller also is president of the Lafayette Bank & Trust Company, of the Suffern Amusement Company, and of the American Red Cross Society of Suffern, having served in that post for two decades. His chief personal interests outside of business are philanthropies and the aid of the underprivileged. In 1937 he was elected treasurer of the Rockland County State Charities Aid, to serve for a period of fifteen years, and for the past fifteen years he has been president of the Board of Child Welfare or Widows' Pension Board, for Rockland County. He is a member of the board of managers and treasurer of the Diocesan Mission and Protestant Episcopal Church Extension Mission. Mr. Miller is a member of the Rotary Club of Suffern, a former trustee of Ramapo School District. Fraternally he is affiliated



Mr. R. Carroll

with Ramapo Lodge, of Suffern, and the Commandery, Knights Templar, of Nyack. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1899, at St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, Alfred John Miller married Marion Leakey, daughter of John Leakey, of this city, and they have a daughter, Llewellyn. She attended a private school in Poughkeepsie and Barnard College, Columbia University. She married Dr. James Kilburn Mossman, of New York, and is the mother of a son, James K. Mossman, born at Ramapo, in December, 1935.

WILLIAM RUTSON CARROLL—Long one of Rhinebeck's leading citizens, William Rutson Carroll conducted here what was known as Carroll's store, a furniture business founded by his father. In his long and useful career, he did much to further the interests of William Carroll & Son, as the store was known, and became, like his father before him, a successful merchant, loved by a host of friends and acquaintances in all walks of life.

Mr. Carroll was born January 13, 1850, in Rhinebeck, New York, then an agricultural and commercial center for a large Dutchess County area, and a competitor for trade against Kingston, its neighbor across the Hudson, and Poughkeepsie, to the south. His parents, William and Olivia (Van Tassel) Carroll, had their home and place of business under the same roof, it being a not unusual custom of the period for a man to operate a store on the lower floor of a building while his family occupied living quarters above. The story of the Carroll family, the furniture store and the Rhinebeck community is one of many interconnections, which may be related in a single narrative.

Suffice it to say that William R. Carroll received his early formal education in the local district school, then entered the old Rhinebeck Academy, where he studied under Principal Stocking, of revered memory. Finishing his studies, he started his business career in association with his father in the Carroll store. The father had founded this firm in 1844, and in 1944 the firm celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. The history of the establishment has been one of many vicissitudes. In 1864 the store was destroyed by fire, along with most of the business district of Rhinebeck, and William R. Carroll never forgot this great conflagration that he witnessed. He was then fourteen years old. The old frame building, thus burned down, was replaced by a brick business block, which was the site of the William Carroll & Son furniture business thereafter.

It is but natural that such a store should boast interesting historical displays, and the Carroll store truly cherishes the old ledgers containing the names of local people long since gone to their rest, most of them ancestors of present residents of the Rhinebeck area. In olden times a furniture establishment not only sold furniture, but *made* it. Now and then a letter still comes to the store management from antique buyers who have found

the Carroll name on a piece that they have purchased. During the early years, when the store was on the top floor, much cabinet work was done, one fine example of which is a bedroom suite of hand-grained pine manufactured about 1860. Later the business was transferred to a building at the rear of the initial site. Undertaking was here, as in many instances, an adjunct to the furniture business; token of a day when undertakers made their own caskets in their workshops. The Carroll store retained this branch of the business unusually long, the funeral directing section being taken over by Henry B. Cornelius only after William R. Carroll's death in 1933. Although it now has no longer any connection with the furniture establishment, it is still called the Carroll-Cornelius Funeral Service. On the occasion of the store's attaining the century mark of its age, it made a statement to the public, as follows:

In the hundred years since William Carroll and Son was founded, we have seen America face crisis after crisis, wars, panics, depressions, disasters of many kinds, and from each such crisis we have seen this country emerge stronger than ever. We confidently believe that America will do just that again and that the best years of our history lie before us. And so, in a world at war, William Carroll and Son feels that this hundredth birthday is an appropriate occasion to remind the American people how far they have come in these last hundred years, what victories they have won and what more they will do in the strength of their high determination. The people of today face no dead end, but the greatest opportunity in history, the opportunity to rebuild a shattered world.

Of William R. Carroll himself, son of the founder and long owner of the Carroll business, a contemporary wrote:

As he grew to know the furniture business, so he grew to know people. From all over the county in those early days they came to him, for Rhinebeck was then a trade center. . . . He early affiliated himself with the organizations of the town, gave of his time and efforts to bettering its conditions and furthering its interests.

In addition to his furniture and undertaking work, Mr. Carroll was for thirty-five years a trustee of the Rhinebeck Savings Bank. In 1898 he became a trustee of the Rhinebeck Cemetery Association, of which he was president at the close of his life. He was for years a member of the official board of the Methodist Church, a member of the Rhinebeck Business Men's Association, the Dutchess County Society of the City of New York and the Dutch Arms. He remained active in all these organizations until failing health interfered. He was a member, too, of Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 432, of the Free and Accepted Masons, which he joined at an early age. At the close of his life he was the lodge's oldest member, and for some years had been its secretary. He was also a fifty-year member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 162, and was

active in its work. Long superintendent of the Sunday school of his denomination in Rhinebeck, he was a member of the Methodist Church from boyhood.

William R. Carroll married Amelia J. Davis, of Stone Ridge, New York, daughter of Frederick H. and Esther (Lounsberry) Davis. Mrs. Carroll died April 16, 1937. They were the parents of two daughters: 1. Mrs. W. Frank Reber, of Rhinebeck. 2. Mrs. Walter Scott Heard, of Yonkers, mother of three children—Grace Phyllis, William C. and Walter S. Heard, Jr. Mr. Carroll had two sisters who are now also deceased: Mrs. Julia Banker, of Yonkers, and Mrs. Harriet C. Allen, of Rhinebeck.

The death of William R. Carroll, June 13, 1933, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret wherever he was known. The editor of the Rhinebeck "Gazette" wrote of him:

As he advanced in years, Mr. Carroll delighted in recalling the days of his early youth and manhood. He had known the town so well. He could relate many interesting experiences. He could remember when the streets were filled with horse-drawn vehicles instead of automobiles. When Rhinebeck was a big trading center, not convenient to go to Kingston or Poughkeepsie, farmers for miles around made Rhinebeck their market, bringing produce and receiving merchandise in return. He knew the days when ships and boats carried most of the products sold or received: when a trip to Poughkeepsie was a real journey and New York so far away that to travel there was an adventure. He had traveled much, but he was loyal to his native town and never tired of singing her praises. Personally he was a Christian gentleman, courteous, dignified and ever standing firm for the higher things of life.

HOWARD W. ZILLIG—A native and lifelong resident of Newburgh, Orange County, Howard W. Zillig is a well-known figure in the life and affairs of the city. He attended local schools and for a time was employed in the city branch of the New York Telephone Company. Since 1928 he has been associated with his father in the operation of The Zillig Funeral Home, one of the finest and most favorably known in the Newburgh area.

Howard W. Zillig is the son of William J. and Anna (Bird) Zillig and the brother of Mrs. Alice Z. Kiley of Middletown, Ohio. In 1910 his father founded The Zillig Funeral Home in Newburgh, and has continued his activities down to the present. He was joined by his son seventeen years ago, and together they maintain a plant and service that in every respect is unexcelled in this part of the State. Howard W. Zillig is a member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association, the Second District Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, Free and Accepted Masons, being a Past High Priest of the Highland Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons. He

has been a member of the city volunteer fire department for a number of years. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On August 18, 1928, at Newburgh, New York, Howard W. Zillig married Lillian M. Anderson, daughter of Thomas and Ann Laverty Anderson, and they are the parents of two daughters: Charlotte Ann, born October 27, 1931, and June Marlene, born September 7, 1936.

CHARLES GOODLEY—Considered one of the noteworthy industrial executives in the Kingston, Ulster County area, Charles Goodley is manager of the important United States Lace Curtain Mills of that city. The corporation came to Kingston in 1902, erected a large building and began their production of textiles, specializing in the types indicated by the above trade title.

In April, 1943, the concern was acquired by J. H. Thorp & Company, Inc., of 250 Park Avenue, New York City, a very old established and well known concern which has dealt in high class printed fabrics and tapestries, etc. The sales organization and contacts of this company will no doubt be of extreme value in steering the United States Lace Curtain Mills in the years to come. The concern employs about one hundred and thirty-five people, utilizes several thousand square feet of factory space, and on a large scale turns out products that are distributed over a wide part of our country. The new owners intend to install equipment of the most modern kind and every provision will be made for the comfort and interest of employees. Naturally the industry contributes largely to the wealth and welfare of the community.

A number of managers have been responsible for the efficiency and success of the United States Lace Curtain Mills, including Messrs. Fields, Cooper, Clark, and since 1933, Charles Goodley has filled this position exceptionally well.

Charles Goodley married in December, 1936, Violet Bluhme, and they are the parents of a son, George F. Goodley.

HOLT N. WINFIELD—Horticulture and banking have been the main business interests of Holt N. Winfield, over a relatively long period (1908-34). In both he has won outstanding success, as one of the largest fruit growers in Ulster County, and as president of the Kingston Savings Bank of Kingston, New York. He is a native of Ulster County, born at Ulster Park, New York, in 1886, son of Caspar and Ida (Norris) Winfield, members of long established Ulster County families.

Holt N. Winfield was educated in local public schools, Kingston Academy and the Eastman Business College, the latter-named at Poughkeepsie. He grew up on his grandfather's farm at Ulster Park, which later he inherited upon the death of both his grandparents. His first employment in town was with the Ulster County

National Bank, of Kingston, with which he remained for several years prior to 1911. In this latter year he began to devote his whole attention to his farm, and with the years became more and more a specialist in fruit growing, until he had some eighty acres planted in fruits ranging from small varieties and grapes to apples. To their care Mr. Winfield gave all that study, science and the experience of other horticulturalists could teach him. All this he used to such advantage that he became and remains one of the leading authorities in this field of agriculture.

In 1923, Mr. Winfield was made a trustee of the Kingston Savings Bank, of Kingston, and to banking and investment devoted more of his interest after 1934. Since 1939 he has been president of the bank. He is a member of the Ulster Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and the Dutch Reformed Church of Esopus and a member of consistory since 1912.

In 1908, at Port Ewen, New York, Holt N. Winfield married Urcilla Neher, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Alda, who married Mr. Savastano, and is the mother of two children: Alda and Jeffrey Savastano. 2. Holt N., Jr., a chemical engineer who married Ethel Murdock of Nova Scotia, Canada, and is now an ensign in the navy.

J. EDWIN KNAPP—In Orange County, New York, J. Edwin Knapp has found full scope for his abilities and enterprise in business and general affairs. For more than a quarter of a century he has been the head of his own firm, while at the same time devoting time and energy to the promotion of the progress and welfare of Cornwall of which he is a long-time citizen.

Mr. Knapp was born in Newburgh, New York, in 1870, son of Edwin and Tomasina (Armstrong) Knapp, and a descendant from a family that came to the United States in the sixteen hundreds. The name is derived from the ancient term for workmen or a squire, and in English lineage is traced to Roger Knapp, of County Sussex, England, 1540. However, several of the name came from Saxony and Holland, and from one of these the subject of this record derives his ancestry. Edwin Knapp was an old-time carriage maker and wheelwright, a substantial citizen of Newburgh. J. Edwin Knapp completed his academic education in the schools of Montgomery, New York, and was variously employed during early years. He managed estates, was connected with the Firth Carpet Company, at Cornwall, and for six years was superintendent of highways in Orange County. In 1917 he started, on a small scale, the J. Edwin Knapp Coal & Feed Company.

Through the years since then this business has been built up on a large scale and in certain lines is outstanding in its service of a wide territory within a radius of ten miles of Cornwall. To community and government activities he gives loyal and constructive

service, although without political ambitions or the seeking of public offices. Fraternally, Mr. Knapp is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Red Men, the Foresters, Patriotic Order Sons of America, the American Legion Battalion, and figures prominently in the Lions Club. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Cornwall, of which he is vice-president of the official board.

In 1890, at Newburgh, New York, J. Edwin Knapp married Emma Baildon, and they have been the parents of the following children: Bessie; Edwin, deceased; Florence, deceased; Mary, deceased; Walter, deceased; Edith and Bertha.

WARNER K. MORGANS—In Middletown business life Warner K. Morgans has for years taken an active rôle. He is president and treasurer of Morgans & Wilcox, of this city, manufacturers of printing machinery and supplies, whose products are widely distributed.

Mr. Morgans was born July 13, 1896, in Middletown, New York, son of Floyd W. and Etta (Knight) Morgans. His father, who died in 1938, was widely known in manufacturing and business circles, and was formerly president and head of Morgans & Wilcox. The mother resides in Middletown.

Middletown schools provided Warner K. Morgans' early formal education. Later he studied at Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1919. He then turned his attention to business affairs, becoming associated with the present firm of Morgans & Wilcox, of which his father was head. This firm was established by his grandfather, William T. Morgans, at Napanoch, New York, in 1878, for the purpose of manufacturing machines and supplies for printers. The grandfather and founder had invented and patented some of these machines, but required capital for his initial venture, so admitted a Mr. Young to partnership with him. They started operations under the firm name of Young & Morgans. Their plant was destroyed by fire about two years later. Mr. Young did not care to continue in business after that time, so Mr. Morgans, Warner K. Morgans' grandfather, came to Middletown, here interesting a wealthy man, a Mr. Wilcox, in entering into a relationship with him. The two men obtained quarters in Wisner Avenue, where they started the present firm of Morgans & Wilcox in 1880. After a time they found their quarters there too small to suit the needs of their rapidly growing business, and so bought land in Hanford Street and erected their own large brick building. In 1903 Floyd W. Morgans, Warner K. Morgans' father, was made president, and he so continued until the close of his life, September 18, 1938.

Since that time Warner K. Morgans has been president and treasurer of Morgans & Wilcox. The printing machinery and supplies produced at the Middletown plant are distributed to all parts of the United States, and more than thirty-five people are employed in the

manufacturing establishment, which is said to be Middletown's oldest manufacturing house.

Aside from heading this firm, Mr. Morgans is a trustee of the Middletown Savings Bank, which is one of the best and most substantial banking institutions in this area. He is also active in civic affairs here as a member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce and the Middletown Club. During the First World War he enlisted in the United States Navy as a first-class seaman. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On September 2, 1920, Warner K. Morgans married Mildred M. Moore, daughter of William R. and Emma Beach Moore, of Middletown, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Cynthia K., who attended the Katharine Gibbs School; she was born August 18, 1922. 2. Elizabeth J., born July 31, 1924, and was a student at Penn Hall Junior College.

LEO A. FANNING—With the possible exception of New England, there are few communities of small size which take such pride in their history and traditions as the Hudson River Valley villages. The annals of Cornwall-on-Hudson contain the names of many who were outstanding in the affairs of the State and country from early times. Both the parents of Leo A. Fanning were natives of Cornwall—Michael E. and Margaret (Moroney) Fanning, sound, substantial and esteemed citizens, bearing a name that is familiar to all who know anything of the past history of this section.

Their son, Leo A. Fanning, was born at Washingtonville, Orange County, New York, on January 24, 1896, and was educated in county and Cornwall schools. Like others of his generation, he enlisted for service in the United States Army during the First World War, being assigned to the medical corps. Going overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, he was stationed at Base Hospital No. 1, known as the Bellevue Base, later being transferred to the headquarters base at Vichy, France, with the rating of sergeant first class. Ultimately came the Armistice and still later the return to America and honorable discharge from the service. Mr. Fanning was among the comparatively few who foresaw the advantages of a continuation of the contacts made during the conflict and the founding of a permanent organization of veterans. He was one of the leaders in the initiation of the American Legion Battalion, one of the first veteran groups in New York State, which did such good work in the crucial early years. Mr. Fanning is a former commander of the Cornwall post of the American Legion, and vice-commander of the Orange County American Legion.

After the end of the First World War, Leo A. Fanning returned to Cornwall. For thirteen years he was connected with the local police department as chief. In 1935 he was appointed postmaster of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a post he has since filled most capably. Fraternally he is

affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of a number of village organizations. He worships at St. Thomas' Catholic Church. Long a lover of sports, he was coach of the Cornwall-on-Hudson High School basketball team, and a promoter of athletic activities, especially by the youth of the community.

In 1922, Leo A. Fanning married Anna E. Miller of Newburgh, and they are the parents of three children: Leo M., a graduate of Cornwall High School. 2. Dorothy, a student. 3. Kathleen R., also a student in local schools.

IRVING C. KENT—Cornwall-on-the-Hudson is one of the attractive villages in the Mid-Hudson River Valley section, a place which retains always the affections and loyalty of those born in or near there. Irving C. Kent is one of the outstanding citizens of this community, the proprietor of one of its oldest business establishments, if not the oldest, a prominent figure for years in its affairs, and its mayor over a long period.

Mayor Kent was born not far distant from Cornwall, in Montgomery, Orange County, on August 8, 1883 a son of George W. and Louise (Heil) Kent, both natives of Montgomery, New York, and both now deceased. His father, who died in 1906, cultivated a farm for many years and also conducted a well-known livery stable. He did not live to see his son rise to outstanding note in the affairs of Cornwall, although the young man became interested in merchandising as a youth, and in 1907 became the proprietor of a general store that he has operated for nearly forty years. In point of being in business for himself, or from the standpoint of continuous service of the public, his establishment is the oldest in the village.

Long ago when volunteer fire organizations were a noteworthy feature of both useful and social life in the Hudson River Valley counties, Irving C. Kent became a member of the Storm King Fire Company, of which he is a past chief. He also is a member of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, and past president of Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association. For a decade he was a trustee of the municipality of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, and was elected mayor in 1935, now serving his third consecutive term in office. During his administration an extensive water works program has been carried out, one of a number of progressive measures taken by the village in comparatively recent years. Fraternally Mayor Kent is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Blue Lodge and Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Noble Grand and Past District Deputy Grand Master of Odd Fellows, of Orange District No. 1. He attends the Presbyterian Church and is constantly to the fore in the support of religious, charitable and humanitarian activities.

On October 30, 1907, Irving C. Kent married Alfaretta Davis, of Cornwall, daughter of George E. Davis and



Franklin P Clum

Mary Emma Van Wart Davis, and they are the parents of a son, Irving D., a graduate of Cornwall-on-Hudson High School. Irving D. Kent married Helen Carey.

THE STORM KING SCHOOL—In 1945, The Storm King School celebrated seventy-eight years of continuous existence and service. This college preparatory school for boys was founded in 1867 by the Rev. Louis P. Ledoux, who had been the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson for some years. The school met an instant response from the Hudson Valley and Orange County as the need for this type of education was widely felt.

The school occupies a saddle of the Storm King Mountain known as Deer Hill. As its years increased the mountainside was molded to its needs and more property was acquired by purchase and gifts. Today it consists of thirty acres, nine buildings and numerous playing fields, tennis courts and the like.

Dr. Ledoux operated the school until 1872 when he sold the property to another Presbyterian minister, Dr. Oren Cobb. During both of these administrations, it was known as the Cornwall Heights School. A most prominent graduate of this period was Dr. Lyman Abbott, who as editor of the "Outlook" and close friend of President Theodore Roosevelt did much to mold the opinions of his time. After the Boxer Rebellion, he was largely instrumental in causing the indemnity money to be returned to China for educational and hygienic purposes.

In 1887 the school was purchased by a third Presbyterian minister, Dr. Carlos H. Stone. His high ideals, firm justice and individual interest in each pupil brought to the school a national eminence equal to any of the smaller preparatory institutions in the Nation. The school became known by his name and continued to be called The Stone School until 1922. Dr. Stone relinquished the school to his successor, Alvin E. Duerr in 1916. He was succeeded in 1927 by Raphael J. Shortlidge, who was succeeded in 1932 by the present headmaster, Anson Barker.

The school ceased to be proprietary in 1914 and is now operated by a board of trustees under an educational charter from the State of New York. The institution is tax free and no profits can be taken from the school by any individual or any group of individuals.

The Storm King School has purposely remained a small school in which a faculty of expert and experienced teachers can assure the individual boys adequate personal attention. It has many alumni who are prominent in the business and professional life of the Nation. Its graduates enter the universities and scientific schools of all parts of our country and some of its students even come from foreign lands.

During the First World War, a high proportion of the alumni served in the armed services, a substantial number making the supreme sacrifice. A similar great contribution is being made to the present titanic global

war. Already the school counts its dead and missing and has contributed one outstanding hero, Admiral Arthur G. Robinson, class of 1908.

FRANKLIN P. CLUM—At an early age Mayor Franklin P. Clum, of Saugerties, New York, began making his own way in life. His first employment was in construction work as assistant superintendent for the Stewart Engineering Corporation, but he soon left this field of endeavor to engage in business, and he has been associated with commercial enterprises in Saugerties as an owner for more than two decades. His election as head of the municipal government in 1942, is the best evidence of his standing with the electorate of Saugerties and personal popularity.

Mayor Clum was born at West Camp, New York, in 1891, son of Franklin B. and Hannah C. (DuBois) Clum. In 1919 he purchased a business in the community. This enterprise was sold in 1928, since which time he has been the proprietor of the Clum's Garage, serving a wide area of Ulster County, and is favorably known to car owners from all over the country.

Keenly interested in civic affairs and a man with a gift for making friends, he once served as village trustee, and had the honor of being appointed to the office of mayor in 1942, and was elected for a two-year term in 1943. He naturally assumed great responsibilities of administration in critical World War II times, and is manifesting constructive leadership in local affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, Chapter, and Council, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and the R. A. Snyder Fire Company. He is of the Lutheran faith, and liberal in his coöperation with religious and charitable projects.

At Saugerties, New York, in 1915, Franklin P. Clum married Ethel D. Moon, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Lloyd N., born in 1916; married Marguerite Dye. They have two children, Thomas N. and Patricia. 2 and 3. Roberta, a trained nurse; and Roberna (twins), born in 1919; Roberna married Robert Wright and they have a daughter, Roberta. 4. Franklin P., Jr., born in 1927, a student.

RICHARD W. TOMPKINS—Realtor, insurance broker, and one of the members of the younger groups of business men in Newburgh, Richard W. Tompkins is an active man of affairs in this Central Hudson River Valley section of New York. He was born at Fishkill Landing, New York, November 3, 1903, son of Ralph S. and Lillian (Weller) Tompkins, his father being a hat manufacturer of Beacon, New York. The son, whose name heads this review, was educated in Beacon and Newburgh public schools, St. John's Military Academy,

the Lawrenceville School, at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and Pawling School at Pawling, New York.

Richard W. Tompkins initiated his business, or industrial career, with his father in the making of hats at Beacon. In 1931 he established the firm of R. W. Tompkins Company, Inc., dealers in real estate and insurance, in Newburgh, New York, and this has since been his major enterprise, a field in which he is widely known. In keeping with his natural characteristics and interests, Mr. Tompkins is keenly active in civic and community affairs. He is a Republican in politics but not especially interested in holding public office. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1493, Beacon Lodge, and the National Temple Hill Association. Among his clubs are the Newburgh City, and the Powelton. He is particularly fond of hunting. He attends St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In New Windsor, New York, September 18, 1931, Richard W. Tompkins married Jean Cameron, daughter of Kenneth M. and Louise (Senff) Cameron, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Richard W., Jr., born May 5, 1934. 2. Kenneth C., born July 27, 1940.

HENRY J. BRUCK—Although rated as one of the younger business men of Kingston, Henry J. Bruck has been a funeral director in the city for the past twelve years. He is a native of the Ulster County metropolis, born there on August 18, 1907, son of Henry S. and Elizabeth E. (Michels) Bruck, his father being engaged in the shirt manufacturing industry.

Henry J. Bruck attended the parochial schools of his birthplace, a business college, and the Collier School of Embalming in New York City. After experience in his vocation, he established himself as a mortician in Kingston in 1931. He is and remains a student of his business, keeping in close touch with its developments, and has the reputation of operating one of the most modern funeral homes in the communities between New York City and Albany. There is no type of equipment that money can purchase that Mr. Bruck has not acquired, and there is no service required of a funeral director that he cannot render. While taking a constructive interest in civic and public affairs, he is no seeker of political offices. Fraternally he is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Kingston.

Henry J. Bruck married, in 1927, Mary E. Neenan, of Kingston, New York, and they are the parents of two children: Mary Anne, and Henry J., Jr.

EDWARD L. RUSSELL—For years associated with the Metropolitan Sewing Machine Company, of Nyack, Edward L. Russell is works manager of the plant here, now engaged in defense work to one hundred per cent. of capacity and employing one hundred and thirty-five people.

Mr. Russell, who has made such a valuable contribution to economic well-being in this region of New York State, was born December 21, 1889, in Oakland, California, son of the late Wilbur Russell, who died in 1911, and Maria (Parker) Russell. Both his parents were natives of New England.

Public schools of California, his native State, provided Edward L. Russell's early formal education, and later, after the removal of his family to the East and their establishment in Nyack, he studied at Nyack High School. It was in 1905 he entered the employ of the Metropolitan Sewing Machine Company, in Nyack, as a draftsman. Subsequently he was promoted to chief engineer of the Nyack plant, then to the post of plant superintendent. In 1939 he was made works manager here, where he now directs the highly important defense work entrusted to this company. After the passing of the Second World War emergency Mr. Russell plans once more to restore the Metropolitan Sewing Machine Company plant to peacetime operations. His significance for this community is a great one, and his thorough grasp of practical affairs places him in an enviable position for economic leadership. Much of his experience has come quite naturally to him, because his father was a paint manufacturer in New York City, highly versed in commercial methods and the nature of business activity.

In addition to his work with the Metropolitan Sewing Machine Company, Mr. Russell is intensively active in civic affairs. He has been a member of the board of water commissioners of Nyack since the early thirties. He is an honorary deputy sheriff, and his interest in social life is an extensive one. He is, among his other connections, a past chancellor of his lodge in the Knights of Pythias. He is a trustee of the Baptist Church. In spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing.

In Nyack, New York, in 1912, Edward L. Russell married Pearl Gurdineer, a native of Nyack, who has long been interested in church and religious life, daughter of Warren and Jennie (Strand) Gurdineer, of Nyack. Mr. and Mrs. Russell became the parents of the following children: 1. Edith, born in Nyack, attended public schools and Nyack High School; became the wife of Carl Smyth, of Pearl River, and the mother of their son, Russell Carl Smyth. 2. Edward L., Jr., born in 1919 in Nyack, graduated from Nyack schools, now serving in the army as a second lieutenant in the Second World War.

JOHN B. KARKOS—Of the Nyack Junior School for Boys, John B. Karkos, B. S., has been headmaster since 1935. This beautifully located and housed pre-academic private school caters to an exclusive clientele. It provides a home atmosphere, high health standards and thoroughness in instruction covering the period prior to admission to preparatory or high schools. It is a part of its enviable reputation that it develops boys in the finest traditions of education as well as American

ideas and ideals. All of this is largely due to the leadership of the headmaster and the experienced corps of associates he has gathered around him.

Headmaster Karkos is a native of Maine, born at Lisbon Falls in that State, December 29, 1900, son of Stephen A. and Anna (Zinchak) Karkos, his father being connected with the textile industry. Early in life he determined to secure a sound education, and under difficulties accomplished a childhood ambition. After attending the schools of his birthplace, Headmaster Karkos studied in the Kents Hill Preparatory School, at Kents Hill, Maine, and entered Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, where he was graduated with the class of 1926, a Bachelor of Science. Later he pursued postgraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, and Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Before coming to Nyack, Headmaster Karkos was an instructor and registrar of the Bordentown Military Institute, at Bordentown, New Jersey, from 1927 to 1933. From 1933 to 1935, he was assistant headmaster at the Kingsley School, Essex Fells, New Jersey.

It was with ample preparation and exceptional experience that in 1935, Headmaster Karkos assumed charge of the Nyack Junior School. As is required by his post, he is an able executive, administrator and instructor. During his régime the curricula of the school have been improved and the services rendered clients greatly enlarged. He not only is a skilled teacher of the subjects he takes under his direction, but conducts the activities of the school with exceptional abilities, and has the rare talent of making friends of the faculty, the pupils and their parents. So far as his heavy duties permit he coöperates with many local affairs, and is a member of the Nyack Rotary Club. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church.

ARTHUR G. CARR—For years active in Kingston affairs, Arthur G. Carr is one of the city's leading undertakers and embalmers, operating the firm of A. Carr & Son, in this city.

Arthur G. Carr was born March 8, 1878, in Kingston, New York, son of Albert and Sarah E. (Folant) Carr and a grandson of Peter and Susan (Davis) Folant, of Kingston. Albert Carr, Arthur G. Carr's father, was born December 7, 1840, in Washingtonville, Orange County, New York, and received his early education in public schools, then enlisted in the 20th Regiment of New York Militia for Civil War service at the first call for troops. Returning to Kingston and reënlisting August 13, 1862, as a private in Company B, 120th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, he served for three years and became a sergeant major, second lieutenant, then first lieutenant. Wounded at Gettysburg, he later recuperated sufficiently to join his comrades, and was in service until honorably discharged in 1865. In 1870 he became sales representative for a furniture and under-

taking house, so continuing until 1889, when he became a funeral director in Kingston. Admitting his son, Harry P. Carr, as a partner in an undertaking establishment in North Front Street, he continued there until January 27, 1900, when Harry P. Carr disposed of his interest to his brother, Arthur G. Carr. The building was soon afterward destroyed by fire, and on March 6, 1900, the business was removed to Nos. 292-94 Fair Street. In 1915 Arthur G. Carr purchased the property at No. 1 Pearl Street, where he still continues operations. This property was once owned by Alton B. Parker, from whose front porch David B. Hill launched his campaign for Governor of New York. Albert Carr was a Republican, and served for six years as coroner. He was a charter member of Kingston Lodge of Elks, and belonged to Franklin Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, C. S. Clay Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Kingston Lodge, No. 10, of the Free and Accepted Masons and Pratt Post, No. 127, of the Grand Army of the Republic. Albert Carr died January 14, 1914. He married, August 21, 1862, Sarah E. Folant, daughter of Peter and Susan (Davis) Folant, of Kingston. They became the parents of six children: 1. Minnie, died in infancy. 2. Augustus, also died in infancy. 3. Harry P., born July 27, 1865, in Kingston, attended local schools, was employed by F. J. R. Clarke, a pharmacist here, in 1880, then was with the New York City drug house of J. R. Nichols Company in 1884, and still later with Cooper & Hardenburgh, in Kingston, until 1889; on April 1 of that year he joined his father in the undertaking business under the style of A. Carr & Son, severing his connection in 1900 to start a sporting goods store at No. 306 Wall Street, Kingston, which he conducted under his own name for sixteen years, then reëntered undertaking on April 1, 1923, with his brother, Arthur G. Carr; he is a Mason, member of Kingston Lodge, No. 10; he married, November 24, 1913, Louise Main, born in Port Jervis, New York, daughter of John B. and Henrietta (Saunders) Main. 4. Hattie F., born September 14, 1872, became the wife of W. Whiting Fredenburgh, of Kingston, who was prominent in musical circles here, particularly as organist for some years at the First Dutch Reformed Church; she is now deceased, having passed away July 4, 1922. 5. Arthur G., of further mention. 6. Mabel, born May 21, 1883, became the wife of Orren M. Kennedy, of Kingston, and the mother of their two children—i. Dorothy Kennedy, born April 30, 1904, graduated from high school, now engaged in secretarial work. ii. Ruth Kennedy, born October 7, 1906, graduated from the State Normal College at New Paltz, now a teacher.

Of these, Arthur G. Carr attended Kingston grammar and high schools. He obtained employment in the store of James O. Merritt, local dry goods merchant, with whom he spent two years, then was employed in the funeral home of A. Carr & Son. He was energetic and

capable and progressed through the different departments of the business and took a course at the United States College of Embalming, in New York City, where he was graduated in 1897. When he returned to Kingston, he continued with A. Carr & Son until January 27, 1900, when he purchased the interest of his brother, Harry P. Carr, in the firm. At the father's death, in 1914, Arthur G. Carr became sole owner of the business, and filed a certificate to that effect with the county clerk. The property which he acquired at No. 1 Pearl Street, Kingston, comprises a lot ninety-five by one hundred twenty-one feet, on which is a two-story large brick house. The establishment is well equipped, and the scope and importance of the business attest the executive capacity and high standards of the directing head of the enterprise.

Mr. Carr, among his other interests, is a trustee of the Ulster County Savings Institution. He is active in the support of many worth-while projects, among them the Young Men's Christian Association, the Boy Scouts of America, the chamber of commerce, the Mendelssohn Club, the Masonic Club and the Kingston Rotary Club, of which he was a charter member. He is a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 10, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 75, of Royal Arch Masons, Rondout Commandery of Knights Templar and Cyprus Temple (Albany) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Arthur G. Carr married, April 17, 1901, Ida Brower, of Kingston, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Reynolds B., born March 13, 1903, attended grammar and high schools in Kingston, then became associated with his father in the undertaking business in April, 1921, studying at the Renouard Training School, in New York, and being graduated there in 1923; he is active in the Boy Scout movement, the Kingston Club, the Rotary Club and the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; he married, April 30, 1926, Margaret Myer, daughter of William L. and Mary (Shelby) Myer, and they became the parents of three children: i. Arthur G., II., born February 16, 1927. ii. William R., born October 21, 1929. iii. Mary Elizabeth. 2. Frederic S., born March 4, 1905, graduated from Kingston High School, took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Tufts College, Somerville, Massachusetts, and the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1932 at Cornell Medical College. He received his internship at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City and has practiced medicine and surgery in Kingston for eight years, and is on the surgical staff of the Kingston City Hospital. He is now serving in the medical corps of the United States Army, with the rank of major. He married Cornelia Dwyer and they have two children, Frederic S., Jr., and Denyse. 3. Vincent A., born April 17, 1910, graduated from

Kingston High School in 1930, took up the undertaking business in his father's establishment. He married Helen Hudson, and they are the parents of two children, Jon Allen and Peter E. He is a member and present vice-president of the Lions Club.

MAURICE L. BOWER—With commercial art Maurice L. Bower has been prominently identified for the past two decades, being especially well known as an illustrator. He maintains a studio in New York City and resides in West Nyack, Rockland County.

He was born at Woodlawn, Ohio, September 3, 1889, son of the late Maurice A. Bower, and his wife, the former Mary N. Wilson. His father, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was long engaged in the paint business, and respected for his progressive citizenship. The son of this record was educated in the William Penn Charter School, of Philadelphia; the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1913, and studied in the School of Industrial Art, Philadelphia; in New York City and Paris, France.

The career of Mr. Bower suffered interruption during the First World War, when he served as a second lieutenant of the sanitary corps, United States Army. He is a member of the American Legion, the Society of Illustrators of New York City, and the college fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho.

In 1931, in Paris, France, Maurice L. Bower married Rhea (Widrig) Brown, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Kaufman) Widrig. By her former marriage, Mrs. Bower is the mother of a son, Rowland W. Brown, born in Detroit, Michigan, in October, 1924. He is a graduate of Nyack High School, entered Harvard University, but is now serving his country in the Second World War, as a member of the United States Marine Air Corps, stationed in the Southern Pacific area.

GARRETT W. VINK, M. D.—As one of the younger generation of professional men of Carmel, county seat of Putnam County, New York, Dr. Garrett W. Vink not only is a notably successful physician and surgeon, but has won a prominent place in local activities, civic, sports and social. He was born at Albany, New York, August 4, 1907, son of the late Garrett John Vink, and his wife, the former Cynthia Van Wiley. His parents came from their native Holland as young folk and settled in Albany. Later the elder man became a prominent manufacturer of cigars, in Amsterdam, New York, to which place the family removed shortly after the birth of the son of this record.

Dr. Vink started his education in local schools, and was graduated from the Amsterdam High School with the class of 1924. Entering Union College, Schenectady, New York, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1929, and then matriculated at the Albany Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1932, a Doctor of Medicine. After serving as an externe at the Ann Lee



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Home, of Menands, New York, he filled a like capacity in the Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, New York, during 1932-33.

In September, 1933, Dr. Vink came to Carmel, Putnam County, where he has since been physician and surgeon, with a constantly enlarged practice and a reputation that extends beyond the bounds of the county seat. He is attending physician at the County Farm, is selective service examiner and an instructor in Red Cross work, World War II. Professional memberships include those in the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, and the Putnam County Medical Society, of which he is secretary and treasurer. He also belongs to the Carmel Rotary Club, of which he is president for 1945, and the Gipsy Trail Country Club. His educational fraternities are Phi Sigma Kappa, Union College, and the medical fraternity, Theta Kappa Psi. Dr. Vink attends the Protestant Episcopal Church. He enjoys most outdoor sports and music, being a composer of several popular melodies, and is active as a singer, for which he is known in the community as "The Singing Physician."

On August 13, 1931, at Albany, New York, Garrett W. Vink, M. D., married Gertrude Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox, of Middletown, New York. Dr. and Mrs. Vink are the parents of three children, all born at Carmel: 1. Harold, born September 1, 1933. 2. Gari-Anne, born in August, 1935. 3. Walter, born February 18, 1938.

HARRIE COLE—In the year that he became of age, and therefore could acquire legal possession of an establishment, Harrie Cole continued the drug store established by his father, Charles E. Cole, Doctor of Medicine, in 1880, in the place of which he was a native and lifelong resident, Pine Plains, in northern Dutchess County. This first year, just before the turn of the century, was the same in which he was graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy, a pharmacist. There were elderly people in the village who called this a chemist shop or apothecary, but under any title down the changing times, he has served the community with professional knowledge and skill. At the same time he has not been an idle bystander as the procession of progress passed by, and when drug stores gradually grew to be somewhat like department stores, he adjusted his own enterprise as much as he considered desirable, and he is rated, in point of service, one of the oldest and foremost merchants in Pine Plains.

Mr. Cole was born in Pine Plains, September 16, 1878, son of Dr. Charles E. and Clarissa T. (Strever) Cole, both natives of New York and both now deceased. His mother lived to 1932. His father, a physician, died in 1884, when the son of this record was six years of age. He attended local schools, and the Smith Academy in Pine Plains, prior to going to the Albany College of

Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1899. His ambition, no doubt, was to follow in his father's footsteps, but the middle of 1890s was not a prosperous period in the financial history of our country. Young Cole attended Albany College, and felt fortunate when he could enter the drug business in Pine Plains, in 1899, a line of endeavor which he has followed with exceptional success ever since.

Few men are better known, or more favorably, in this part of the Hudson River Valley region. He has entered into all sorts of local activities—civic, social, fraternal, charitable. Mr. Cole is the secretary-treasurer of the Pine Plains Water Company; Past Master of Stissing Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member from time to time of other organizations. He is also an exempt member of the Pine Plains Fire Department. During the First World War he served three years as a non-commissioned officer in Company G of the New York State National Guard. Like all good patriotic citizens, he is lending aid to the various drives and public undertakings of the present global war. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1907, Harrie Cole married Mary G. Wilber, of Pine Plains, and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen M., a graduate of Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, and holds a library degree from Albany State College; she married E. M. Netter, Jr., now serving in the United States Naval Reserve. After graduating from Skidmore College, Mrs. Netter, Jr., served as librarian of the Central School Library at Pine Plains.

ALBERT DE WITT KNIFFIN—Serving as commissioner of public welfare for Ulster County, Albert DeWitt Kniffin has his headquarters in Kingston.

Mr. Kniffin was born July 16, 1887, in Marlborough, New York, son of Theodore and Lillie E. (Conklin) Kniffin. His father was a native also of Marlborough, and early became a carpenter.

Public schools of Marlborough provided Albert De Witt Kniffin's early formal education through the high school grades, and he later became a student at the Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was graduated in 1915. Upon completing his formal studies, he became engaged in steamboating with the Central Hudson Company, so continuing until 1923. He then established a retail meat business in Marlborough, operating it continuously until 1941. It was in that year that he was appointed commissioner of public welfare for Ulster County, with headquarters in Kingston.

Continuing in this post down to the time of writing, Mr. Kniffin has effectively served his community and county. He has also held other positions of responsibility in this region, and has been a consistent supporter of the Republican party and its policies and principles. In Marlborough he was for seven years town clerk and for four years a supervisor. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Albert DeWitt Kniffin married (first), in 1916, in Newburgh, New York, Ethel M. Warren, who died in 1921. Their daughter, Ethel Mae Kniffin, born June 2, 1921, attended Marlborough High School and the Spencerian Business College in Newburgh, then studied at Susquehanna University, and is at the time of writing a teacher in the Marlborough schools. Albert DeWitt Kniffin married (second), in 1941, in Newburgh, Alice L. Wygnant.

PAULSEN SPENCE—As an industrial executive in the North and a planter in the South, the name and achievements of Paulsen Spence are widely known. Founder and president of the Spence Engineering Company, Inc., of Walden, New York, his concern contributes importantly to the wealth and welfare of this Orange County town. Planter of broad acres in Louisiana, he participates in the national war effort to increase agricultural production. The influences of ancestry, tradition and education, that enter into the development of his life and career are exceptional and interesting.

Paulsen Spence was born at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 3, 1895, son of Thomas Alfred Stephen Spence, Jr., and the former Angeline Grace Patterson. His father attended Tulane University, New Orleans, and his mother graduated from Silliman Institute, Clinton, Louisiana, class of 1891. Grandfather Thomas Alfred Stephen Spence, Sr., was a captain of a regiment of Zouaves, during the Civil War. Maternal grandfather Rev. Reuben Franklin Patterson, a Presbyterian clergyman, became a noted Louisiana planter, and to this day his name is honored in American agriculture as the seed breeder of "Patterson Rust-proof Oats." His achievement in this field greatly enlarged the area in which oats could be planted successfully, and increased the yield of this grain everywhere. The Rev. Patterson was also captain of Company I, 68th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War.

As indicated, Paulsen Spence is a native of Louisiana. He was educated in the Burriss School, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana; Chamberlain Hunt Academy, Port Gibson, Mississippi; and Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, from which he was graduated in 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He engaged in many phases of campus activities, and made many friendships that have been continued in after years.

Before Paulsen Spence had really initiated his career as an engineer, he enlisted for World War I service and was a first lieutenant in the United States Army Quartermaster Corps, from 1917 to 1919, chiefly engaged as officer in charge of heating plants at Camp Custer, Michigan. Whether he received this appointment because of his knowledge of heating and related subjects, or whether his experience at Camp Custer influenced the choice of the field into which he entered upon his return to civilian life, the record does not indicate.

Whatever the initial impulse, Paulsen Spence made a career of heating engineering, and is the founder and the president of the Spence Engineering Company, Inc., of Walden, New York. It is worthy of more than passing note that his corporation owns the Rider-Ericsson Engine Company, that was established by Captain John Ericsson, United States Navy, in 1842. To those who may not identify this name immediately, let it be said that it is that of the American inventor, of Swedish birth, who came to the United States in 1839 and won fame as the builder of screw-propelled ships, the best known of which was the iron-clad "Monitor" that defeated the also iron-clad "Merrimac" in 1861. The Spence Engineering Company, Inc., specializes in pressure and temperature regulators, desuperheaters, strainers and similar products.

The personal and private interests of Mr. Spence touch many phases of life, although he is too busy with business responsibilities to be a joiner of many organizations or movements. His favorite clubs are the Colony of Walden, New York, and the Alumni Association of Louisiana State University. As a student in what was then an institution largely attended by men who had inherited their Democratic party faith, Paulsen Spence became a staunch Republican, and continued his allegiance to this party from 1916 to 1940. Since then he has been a Jefferson Republican-Democrat. Some of his ideas along industrial and political lines have been publicized in "A Program to Preserve the American System," which is well worthy of attention by everyone without regard to political affiliations.

Paulsen Spence married (first), in Detroit, Michigan, June 29, 1918, Mary Ruth Bridge, University of Michigan, 1913, daughter of Edward Arthur and Helen (Silby) Bridge, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Helen, Syracuse University, 1941, who married Edward Leith Merrow. 2. Marian, an undergraduate at Syracuse University.

Paulsen Spence married (second), at New Orleans, Louisiana, July 8, 1943, Elizabeth Clinton Kilbourne, Silliman Institute, 1923, daughter of Judge Hal Harper and Roberta (Heath) Kilbourne. Her father was a graduate of Tulane University, class of 1904, and her mother of Silliman Institute, Clinton, Louisiana, 1903.

ROBERT D. DUKE—Widely known in professional circles in this region of New York State, Robert D. Duke is engaged in a practice of law in Walden, where he serves as village attorney.

Mr. Duke was born May 22, 1889, in Newborn, Georgia, son of John R. and Tommie (Murrelle) Duke. His father was a farmer and planter in Georgia. Both parents are now deceased.

Newborn schools provided Robert D. Duke's early formal education. He then attended Georgia Military College, and in 1913 was graduated from the University of Georgia as a Bachelor of Laws. He commenced



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a general practice of law at that time, and in 1913 was admitted to the bar of the State of Georgia. In 1925 he was admitted to practice also in Florida, and in 1929 was admitted to the New York State bar. It was in 1928 that he settled in Walden, New York, where he has been engaged since that time in a general practice of law. He practices in all courts except the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to his own private practice, Mr. Duke is a member of the Orange County Bar Association. He takes a deep interest in community affairs, and performs a highly useful service as attorney for the village of Walden. He is president of the Walden Federal Savings & Loan Association and is attorney for the Walden Savings Bank. Among his other activities, he is a member of the Walden Rotary Club. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

In 1923, in Walden, New York, Robert D. Duke married Elma Christine Dominick. They became the parents of a son, Robert D. Duke, Jr., born October 14, 1928.

HIRAM PRICE COLLIER—For years widely known as an author, a student of nations and peoples and a gifted interpreter of facts and statistics, Hiram Price Collier traveled widely and did considerable writing about members of one nationality from the viewpoints of members of other nationalities. The old Scottish poet's precept about "seeing ourselves as others see us" found concrete expression in Mr. Collier's manner of study and practice of authorship, although he performed his work in a period before the struggles of the nations had reached the present critical stage.

Mr. Collier was born May 25, 1860, in Davenport, Iowa, son of the Rev. Robert Laird Collier, Unitarian clergyman of Maryland ancestry, and Mary (Price) Collier. Davenport, Iowa, was the home of his mother's parents.

After his mother's death, in 1872, Hiram Price Collier, or Price Collier, as he ordinarily signed his name, was taken to Europe by his father. He spent five years attending school in Geneva, Switzerland, and Leipzig, Germany, and became proficient in French and German. Graduated in 1882 from Harvard Divinity School, he was ordained a minister of the Unitarian faith, and served for nine years as a clergyman in Hingham and other Massachusetts communities. In 1891 he left the ministry to devote his time entirely to writing. His love of outdoor life and nature led him to go westward to do his first active work as an author, and his first book, "Mr. Picket Pin and His Friends," was published in London, England, in 1894. It was an account of the Sioux Indians and of reservation life.

After his marriage, in 1893, Price Collier went to England, there to become European editor of the "Forum." Back in America two years later, he chose Tuxedo Park, New York, as his permanent place of residence, and de-

voted his attention thereafter to study and writing. In 1897, at first anonymously, presumably by a Frenchman, his book, "America and the Americans from the French Point of View," was published. It was sharply critical in tone, and many surprises were expressed when much later it was revealed that he was its author. In 1903 his story, "A Parish of Two," written in collaboration with Henry G. McVickar, was published. It was written in letter form. Mr. Collier also contributed the chapters on driving, of which he was fond, for a book, "Driving and Riding," published in 1905 as a volume of Macmillan's "Sportsman's Library." He himself was fond of sports, was an accurate marksman, liked outdoor games, and was of athletic build, though slim.

An ensign in the navy during the Spanish-American War, Mr. Collier afterward became secretary of the Outing Publishing Company. "England and the English from the American Point of View," another in his famous series on the nations, was at first published serially, then in book form in 1909. At once he gained a wide audience and many admirers. Afterward he traveled extensively with his wife, and his sojourns in foreign lands yielded ample material for further writings in the pattern that he had set himself. Stopping in European and South American countries and in India, China and Japan, he then wrote "The West in the East from an American Point of View," published in 1911, and followed it with "Germany and the Germans from an American Point of View," issued in 1913, the year of his death.

In the summer of that year he visited Scandinavia, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, and sent back articles to "Scribner's." Both before and after World War I his studies of Germany and Germans attracted wide attention. It was frequently attacked for its outspokenness. In his earlier book on England he had written that "the Germans since 1870 have taken the place of the English as the boors of Europe," and he predicted their defeat in a war with England. To complete the complications that arose from such statements, Mr. Collier was then received with favor by Kaiser Wilhelm II. He himself had a tremendous fund of information on a variety of subjects, and was frank in his statements. In popular style he presented a wealth of facts, together with incisive comments and observations, and in his book, "Germany and the Germans from an American Point of View," declared that he derived keener enjoyment from a census report than from a novel.

Price Collier married, August 8, 1893, Katharine Delano Robbins, born in Balmville, Orange County, New York. They became the parents of two daughters: 1. Katharine (Price-Collier) St. George (*q. v.*). 2. Sara Roosevelt Collier Fellowes-Gordon.

The death of Price Collier, November 3, 1913, occurred from heart failure suffered while at a shooting expedition on the estate of Count Wedell on the Island of Fünen, Denmark. His contribution to literary life

in his times was outstanding, and he will long be remembered with the deepest warmth of affection by his host of friends in all walks of life.

MRS. KATHARINE (PRICE-COLLIER) St. GEORGE—For years active in civic work in her home community of Tuxedo, New York, Mrs. Katharine (Price-Collier) St. George has interested herself in a wide range of public affairs here and in broader areas of geography and interest.

Mrs. St. George was born in England, where her father, Price Collier (*q. v.*), was European editor of the "Forum," noted American magazine of its day. Her mother was Mrs. Katharine Delano (Robbins) Collier.

Katharine Price-Collier was two years old when brought to America for the first time, although she returned to Europe when she was eleven and received most of her formal education there. When she was eighteen she returned to Tuxedo, New York, where she has since made her home. From an early period in her life she has been deeply interested in political and civic affairs. Since 1930 she has served on the town board and since 1936 has been a member of the Republican county committee of Orange County. She became vice-chairman of the county committee of the party in 1942, and in the same year acted as manager of the Republican campaign in Orange County. In the following year, 1943, she was elected chairman of the Republican county committee for Orange County, being the second woman in this State to become a county chairman.

Mrs. St. George is a member of the board of governors of the Women's National Republican Club of New York and the founder and first president of the Women's Republican Club of Tuxedo. She is a past president of the Women's Federation of Republican Clubs of Orange County and a council member of the Federation of Women's Republican Clubs of the State of New York, representing the Ninth Judicial District. She also is an executive committeeman of the Federation of Women's Republican Clubs of the State of New York.

Since 1939 Mrs. St. George has been president of the board of education of Tuxedo District No. 3. She is, among her other responsibilities, civilian representative of WAC recruitment for World War II, as well as a member of the board of governors of the Military Service Club of New York City. Since 1918 she has been a leader in Red Cross work and an officer of her chapter. Since 1936 she has acted as chairman of the Tuxedo Park Chapter. Riding is one of her favorite recreations, and Mrs. St. George enjoys raising sporting dogs. Since 1935 she has been secretary of the Tuxedo Kennel Club, and she is vice-president of the English Setter Association of America and a member of the American Association of Horse Shows. She is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On April 14, 1917, Katharine Price-Collier became the wife of George Baker St. George, of Irish-American descent. They became the parents of one daughter, Priscilla St. George, who married (first) Angier B. Duke, and they had one child, Angier B. Duke, Jr. She married (second) Allan A. Ryan, Jr., and they have one daughter, Katharine Delano Ryan.

R. B. CRIDDLE—As president of Electrol, Inc., of Kingston, R. B. Criddle makes a substantial contribution to the aircraft hydraulics industry. He is recognized as one of the outstanding business men in this region of New York State, while the hydraulic equipment turned out at the Electrol plant has seen action throughout the world.

Mr. Criddle was born April 24, 1891, in Warren County, Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew F. Criddle. His father, an Ohioan, conducted a sawmill, and was engaged in the lumber industry on an extensive scale. The grandfather, on the paternal side of the house, was a soldier in the Civil War.

R. B. Criddle received his early formal education in public schools in his Ohio community, then learned the machinist's trade and was variously employed until 1920. In that year he became associated with the Continental Tool Company. Later he joined the organization of the Excello Corporation as sales manager in charge of operations. Then he was with the Republic Products Corporation as vice-president and treasurer until his retirement from active business endeavors. After complete withdrawal for a time from his commercial activities, Mr. Criddle was called to Washington, District of Columbia, as a member of the War Production Board. It was in 1942 that he was asked to come to Kingston, New York, as vice-president and general manager of the Electrol company, of which afterward he was made president.

Down to the time of writing he has continued with this same organization, which employs more than six hundred people and carries on its manufacturing program in quarters that have had to be repeatedly enlarged until now there is a floor space totaling eighty-five thousand square feet. When the Electrol organization was looking about for a fitting place in which to begin operations, Kingston received favorable consideration at the outset because of its fine transportation facilities and satisfactory labor conditions. The Apollo plant of John K. Lencke, at No. 85 Grand Street, attracted special attention of those laying plans for Electrol, Inc., and offers were accordingly made to the owner for site and buildings. At the outset Electrol, Inc., was substantially helped by the Defense Plant Corporation, and it soon grew to a position of prominence in the manufacture of hydraulics in the aircraft industry. It became one of the main suppliers of hydraulics for navy aircraft. After a time those in charge of company planning acquired the building at the rear of No. 85 Grand Street, occupied by the Pil-



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grim Furniture Company, and here modern machinery and equipment were installed and production methods were brought to perfection. Improvements were also effected in working conditions from the standpoint of light, safety and health, and at the end of a year, with practically no change in personnel, the production of this vital wartime product had quadrupled itself.

As indicated above, the hydraulic equipment made at the Electrol plant has seen action in all parts of the world, particularly effectively against the Japanese in the battle of Midway. It is comforting to a pilot flying a torpedo plane in the midst of machine gun or anti-aircraft fire, or piloting a navy fighter plane in enemy territory, to know that his controls are going to work. And reports from naval air stations and from the fighting men themselves who have handled Electrol-equipped planes in battle attest the dependability and satisfactory service of Electrol hydraulics. Kingston and its skilled workers have made a highly valuable contribution to the war effort through the activities at the Electrol plant, the quantity and quality of whose work are widely credited with representing a strong contribution to the war's final outcome. On the side of employee welfare, the Electrol company maintains a hospital room with two nurses and a physician in constant service. Group insurance for employees, athletic programs and excellent working conditions are among the achievements of the Electrol organization, whose development has been rapid but sound. The company maintains a cafeteria, and also has a snack bar that extends throughout the plant. The first president and general manager of the company was Dr. W. R. Robinson, who later resigned from the presidency. Mr. Criddle, who had been vice-president, succeeded him. B. N. Ashton, who had been chief engineer, was then made vice-president in charge of engineering. F. I. Bertsch has been secretary-treasurer from the inception of the organization.

R. B. Criddle married, in 1926, Letha I. Smith.

NEWMAN E. SCHRIVER—A native of southeastern New York, where the most of his career has been achieved, Newman E. Schriver has for many years been an official of the Rockland Light & Power Company, which serves a large area. He was born in Chester, Orange County, New York, on February 11, 1886, son of the Rev. Andrew Schriver and his wife, the former Alida Wiltsie. His father was a veteran of the War Between the States and a well-known clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the Hudson River Valley region.

Beginning his education in the public schools of Chester and Newburgh, New York, Newman E. Schriver prepared himself for business in the Albany Business College, and later was a student at Valparaiso University, Indiana. He first joined the forces of the Rockland Light & Power Company, in 1908, and centered the most

of his activities around switchboard wiring out of Orangeburg. Over a long period thereafter he was superintendent of the Haverstraw Division of this company, resigning in 1925 to assume the duties to which he had been elected as sheriff of Rockland County. Continued in office to 1927, he subsequently returned to the Rockland Light & Power Company, as superintendent of distribution, a position he has since filled most capably.

Mr. Schriver is favorably known over a wide area in southeastern New York, and is a popular figure in many of its communities. Keenly interested in Masonic work, he enjoys the distinction of being a Past Master of Stony Point Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a former Assistant Grand Lecturer (1927) of the State organization of the Masonic Order. At one time he was president of the Haverstraw Rotary Club, and always has been coöperative in projects and organizations undertaken for the promotion of the best interests of communities. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is generous in his support of religious, charitable and humanitarian works.

At New City, New York, Newman E. Schriver married Florence Springsteel, of New City, daughter of Gary A. and Cora (Brower) Springsteel of Rockland County. Mr. and Mrs. Schriver became the parents of two children: 1. John A., born at Haverstraw, in 1917, died in 1934. 2. Betty Jane, born at Haverstraw in 1923, a graduate of Congers High School, and the Art Students League of New York.

HAROLD T. SHERWOOD—Carrying on a successful practice of law in Spring Valley, Harold T. Sherwood specializes in real estate, surrogate and tax law. He was born November 13, 1898, in Spring Valley, Rockland County, New York, son of Jonathan W. and Anna B. (Tallman) Sherwood.

J. W. Sherwood, formerly a Rockland County judge, as well as a noted lawyer and school commissioner, was born about four miles north of Suffern, in Rockland County, son of Elias G. and Elizabeth (Concklin) Sherwood, and spent his early years on his father's farm and attended the district school. In 1888 he was graduated from the Albany State Normal School, then he taught for about two years in a private academy at Fishkill-on-Hudson. He entered Cornell University in 1890 on a state scholarship, spent two years at the university, and was graduated from Cornell Law School in 1894 as a Bachelor of Laws. He was one of three men chosen to represent Cornell in the intercollegiate debate with the University of Pennsylvania in 1894, and won several prizes in debates at the university, one in the final debate of the Law School in 1894. He was admitted to the bar in the Fourth Judicial Department at Utica, New York, in the autumn of 1894, and then took up his practice of law in Spring Valley. He was elected school commissioner of Rockland County in November, 1899. He mar-

ried, January 26, 1898, Anna B. Tallman, a native of Spring Valley, daughter of Peter Tallman. J. W. Sherwood died January 21, 1944.

Their only son, Harold T. Sherwood, attended public schools in Spring Valley, where he was graduated from high school in 1917. Following twenty-six months of military service, he became a student at Cornell University, where he was graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1924. From 1924 to 1927 he was active in steam power construction and operation in the railroad industry of Virginia. Then, deciding to study law, he attended St. John's College of Law, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1931, and he was duly admitted to the bar on January 20, 1932. Associating himself with his father in legal practice, Harold T. Sherwood has been active in the specialties indicated above—real estate, tax and surrogate law—down to the time of writing.

At the same time, like his father, who served until his death in 1944, he continues today as a director of the Spring Valley National Bank. Harold T. Sherwood concerns himself extensively with the life of his community. He is a member of the Spring Valley Rotary Club, the Ramapough Revolver Association and the American Legion, as well as of the Ridgewood Rifle Club. In the First World War he enlisted in the army signal corps, air service, April 30, 1917, and served until June 20, 1919, when he was honorably discharged as a corporal. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has many affiliations, including membership in Pearsburg Chapter, No. 29, of Royal Arch Masons.

A Democrat, he is his party's candidate for treasurer of Rockland County in the autumn elections of 1943. He serves as secretary of the Monsey Rod and Gun Club, and is assistant deputy director of civilian protection for Spring Valley. This community established the first Civilian Pre-Induction Military Training Brigade of its kind on June 7, 1940, and as early as October, 1939, was taking steps to counteract the power of the Nazi Bund. In spare time Mr. Sherwood enjoys photography and the study of history.

In August, 1927, at Holley, New York, Harold T. Sherwood married Pauline Hall, daughter of George W. and Addie (Fuller) Hall. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Jonathan H., born February 21, 1929. 2. Bruce A., born August 21, 1930. 3. Alice L., born July 13, 1935. 4. Daniel P., born July 12, 1941. All were born in Nyack Hospital, Nyack.

THE SUFFERN BOYS' SCHOOL, Inc.—The Suffern Boys' School, Inc., situated at Hillburn, in Rockland County, in the foothills of the Ramapos, twenty-five miles from New York City, is headed by the Rev. Robert S. Jones, superintendent. This institution of learning, easily accessible by the Erie Railroad and the Short Line Bus, describes as its object to "make available a suitable

low-priced boarding school for boys whose parents, guardians or others find it difficult to care properly for their growing boys and at the same time carry on their business activities." A personal relationship is maintained with each student, and the progress of each is measured by frequent examinations and individual conferences. The results of these tests, together with his average daily grades, determine his standing, and a report is made for the student's family every six weeks, covering both his scholastic standing and his conduct as an individual.

A fine staff of teachers and directors, all properly certified, is maintained, and medical care is provided by one of Rockland County's leading child specialists. A practical nurse is a member of the staff. Excellent meals are served, prepared by a competent chef in a sanitary kitchen. The school and home are incorporated by the Board of Regents and are under the personal supervision of the superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Jones. The management operates the school "strictly on American standards, believing the only ism needed in this country is Americanism," and within its sphere, from grades one to eight inclusive, the school fully meets the requirements of the New York State Syllabus. Enrolment is open to all white boys from six to fourteen years of age, is non-sectarian, and provides religious instruction "in the church of your choice," church attendance being required of each student.

The school grounds cover nine acres of lawns, flower gardens and playgrounds, as well as a bathing beach, and the several buildings are solidly constructed and comfortably heated. The main building contains a reception room, office, dining-room and dormitories, and classrooms, shops and recreation rooms are in buildings adjacent to the main structure. Some of the athletic activities include touch football, baseball, basketball, hiking, outdoor and indoor games, and swimming (with American Red Cross tests). There are provisions, too, for holiday programs and stunts, handicrafts, library services, illustrated lectures, home training lectures and gardening. The tuition rate is \$15 per week, while special yearly rates are quoted on request, covering board, room, laundry and other expenses. The only extra costs are those covering individual instruction in music and for special materials and clothing. The tuition charge is much less than the actual cost of maintaining a student in school for a year, the figure being made possible through annual gifts from friends and by special drives and coöperation and assistance from the students. Incorporation as a non-profit institution makes this low rate possible. The directors of the school are: James Matthews, Robert S. Jones, Frank Griffin, George Clark, John L. Mahalish, Roberta Goodfellow and Charles L. Wanamaker.

BERTHOLD D. WILLENBROCK, D. D. S.—After more than a quarter^o of a century of practice in New York City as a dental surgeon, Dr. Berthold D. Willenbrock retired from his metropolitan activities to



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confine his services to Suffern, New York, and clients of long standing. He is a native of New York City, born April 19, 1879, son of Frederick and Anna (Treckman) Willenbrock.

Dr. Willenbrock attended the schools of his birthplace, the Polytechnic Institute, of Brooklyn, Bordentown (New Jersey) Military Academy, New York University, and the College of Dental Surgery, Columbia University, from which he was graduated in 1915, a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He began the practice of his profession in New York City and maintained offices there until 1943, winning an exceptional reputation as a dental surgeon. Some years ago he established an office and his home at Suffern, Rockland County, and, as indicated, since 1943, so far as his reputation and clientele have permitted, he has tried to confine his professional activities to this community. Down through the years he has accumulated many former patients who will have no other dental surgeon serve their needs, and he continues to be a busy doctor beyond his own wishes.

Dr. Willenbrock is a member of the First District Dental Society of the State of New York, the American Dental Association, and other professional organizations, and is a member of the Columbia Alumni Association. Musically inclined, and the possessor of a fine voice, he was a first tenor for over twenty-four years with the Mt. Vernon (New York) Glee Club.

In New York City, on April 19, 1910, Berthold D. Willenbrock, D. D. S., married Anna Marie Koniger, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Anna Marie, born in March, 1911; she is a graduate of Columbia University; she married Edwin Petersen, now in service in the United States Navy. 2. Dorothy, born in 1914, in New York City; a graduate of State Teachers College; she married Robert Lehr. 3. Berthold D., Jr., born April 27, 1916, at Mt. Vernon, a graduate of Colgate University; now serving in Virginia, as 2d lieutenant in Blackstone Rehabilitation Camp; he married Jean Allan. 4. Frederick Karl, born July 19, 1920, a graduate of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, now serving with the rank of lieutenant (j. g.), United States Navy Reserve Force, stationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; he married Mildred White of Boston, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH—A native of Newburgh, William Joseph Smith has been engaged in commercial activity with several companies here, and since 1930 has conducted his own business as an insurance broker. However, he recently reenlisted in the United States Army, as a sergeant in Company E of the 156th Field Artillery, has been transferred to the 107th Regiment, and is now serving with the rank of captain, stationed in Texas. While Mr. Smith is serving in the army, his wife and daughter are conducting his business for him at New-

burgh. While resident in the city, Mr. Smith has been active in business and civic affairs. He is well known throughout this district, and is a member of numerous social and civic organizations. He is president of Company E, 1st New York Infantry, World War Veterans Association.

Mr. Smith was born at Newburgh, December 20, 1892, son of George W. Smith, who died June 30, 1944, and Elizabeth A. (Oakley) Smith. He grew up in this city, and received his general education in the St. Mary's Parochial School here. After graduation from this school he was associated with the John Schoonmaker & Son, Inc., store at Newburgh, continuing there for a short time before entering employment with the Fleischmann Yeast Company, in 1914. He continued to work for this company until 1916, when he was given a leave of absence to join the United States Army. He was called to active duty, and from the time of his first enlistment in the army until 1919, he held various non-commissioned posts from corporal to first sergeant. After the war, Mr. Smith enlisted in the National Guard, and was commissioned a second lieutenant. In 1924, he advanced to first lieutenant, and until 1930 he continued to serve in Headquarters Battery of the 156th Field Artillery as athletic officer of the regiment, resigning in 1930. With sports as his favorite hobby, Mr. Smith was well qualified for the post which he held in this National Guard unit. He was formerly a leading baseball player in this region, and is an expert bowler. From 1932 to 1936, he was a member of the Newburgh Recreation Commission.

From the end of the war through the year 1929, Mr. Smith was associated in business with several firms, including the Lazelle Perfumery Company, the Liberty Yeast Company, and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Since 1930, he has been engaged in the insurance business independently with his own agency at Newburgh, now under the direction of his wife and daughter while he is serving in the army.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Newburgh post of the American Legion, and holds the position of finance officer of that organization; he is a member of the Knights of Columbus; the Loyal Order of Moose; and Newburgh Lodge, No. 247, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Pastime Athletic Club, all of Newburgh, and the Dallas Athletic Club, Dallas, Texas. He is a past president of the Lake Osiris Country Club.

On October 8, 1922, William Joseph Smith married Jessie M. Martin, daughter of Henry and Abigail (Parsons) Martin, and they are the parents of a daughter, Alyce Marie, a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's Academy and now associated with the William J. Smith Agency.

Mr. Smith is a communicant of the St. Mary's Church at Newburgh, and both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been active together in the civic and social affairs of the community.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and of the Association of Town Clerks of New York State.

Grace A. Ronk is the mother of two sons: 1. Alfred J., born in Brooklyn, New York, married (first), Maude E. Coe, and was the father of two children: Alice E. and Dariel J. He married (second), Sally Stewart, and by that marriage two children were born, Susan and Stewart. 2. Emerson S., born in Suffern, New York, married Helen Blad and is the father of two daughters, Priscilla Ann, born July 3, 1936, and Jane Abbie, born June 9, 1945.

VINCENT De SALVO, D. D. S.—Engaged in the practice of dentistry since 1929 when he received his degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vincent DeSalvo, D. D. S., has become a leading figure in his profession at Westwood, Bergen County, New Jersey, and Spring Valley, Rockland County, New York. He was born in New York City, March 19, 1901, son of M. and Cira (Bonomolo) De Salvo. The family moved to Spring Valley in 1916, and it was here that he was graduated from the local high school, in 1921. He was a student at Alfred University until 1925, then attended Temple University, Dental School, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1929. Later he pursued postgraduate work in New York University.

Dr. De Salvo is exceptionally active in certain phases of community life. At one time he was president of the Westwood, New Jersey, Kiwanis Club; he is a prominent member of the Spring Valley Lions Club, and is a member of the town of Ramapo Rationing Board, World War II. His personal tastes run in the direction of the arts, music in particular, and he has been much to the fore in recent years in the writing and directing of plays and entertainment for the benefit of local organizations, such as the Honor Roll of Spring Valley. Of most recent date was the play written and directed by him billed as "The Spring Valley Lions Follies." Its success was so marked that it was repeated in Suffern, New York, and other towns. Professionally Dr. De Salvo is a member of the dental staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital at Suffern, and he is a member of dental societies. In addition to music (he plays the piano unusually well), his recreations include hunting and fishing.

On March 7, 1924, at Spring Valley, New York, Dr. Vincent De Salvo married Anna Chabra, born here, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chabra. Dr. and Mrs. De Salvo are the parents of a son, Vincent, Jr., born at Bristol, Pennsylvania, in July, 1930.

JOHN CARAMATTI—Operating and owning the Silver Pheasant Inn, in Pearl River, one of southeastern New York State's finest eating places, John Caramatti has a wide variety of experience in this line of work and is able to serve most effectively his highly discriminating clientele.

Mr. Caramatti was born August 27, 1883, in Italy, son of Lazarus and Jane (Barbieri) Caramatti. He received his early formal education in Italian schools, and in 1905 came to the United States from England, where he had worked for five years with the Spier & Pond Restaurant Hotel Company. He has worked all his life as a chef, beginning at the old Waldorf-Astoria, continuing at the Hotel Astor and spending five years as chef of the Harvard Club of New York. He also was chef at Keen's Chop House, in New York City, for six years, and for nine years he served as chef at the exclusive Curtis Hotel, in Lenox, Massachusetts.

In 1940 he came to Pearl River and bought the Silver Pheasant Inn, one of the finest eating places in this region of New York State and one which has substantially improved under Mr. Caramatti's direction. Here many distinguished guests dine, coming from miles around to enjoy Mr. Caramatti's excellent food and catering. Pearl River's Rotarians regularly foregather here for their meetings, as do other clubs and organizations.

John Caramatti married, in Italy, in 1907, Josephine Pizzi, of that country. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Jack, born in New York City, a sergeant in the army signal corps in England at the time of writing. 2. Mary, born in New York City, now Mrs. Mary (Caramatti) Taddei. 3. Eleanor, born in New York City. 4. Hilda, also born there. Eleanor and Hilda Caramatti are both employed at the time of writing at the Lederle Laboratories, in Pearl River.

K. HARRY ZEH—One of the prominent and popular business men of Haverstraw, Rockland County, for the past decade, K. Harry Zeh has an enviable record for commercial, civic and social activities. He operates important enterprises, but never is at a loss to cooperate in movements and organizations that promote the best interests of the community and that add new lustre to some of the traditional groups in the city.

He is a native, as was his father, of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, born July 1, 1901, son of J. L. and Maud (Turner) Zeh. He studied in local schools, was graduated from the Kingston High School, and entered Union College, from which he received a certificate as a Graduate in Pharmacy, with the class of 1922. After diversified experience, he came to Haverstraw in 1932, as the purchaser of the Whelan Drug Store, on Broadway. He has since brought this enterprise to new heights. Like some similar establishments, he carries an unusually varied stock, while still neglecting none of his responsibilities as a pharmacist. Possibly to many he is equally well-known as the proprietor of the Gift Shoppe of Haverstraw.

To whatever Mr. Zeh undertakes he gives his best and noteworthy energies and talents. Local affairs have been benefitted largely from his civic endeavors. At present he is serving as county official, coroner of Rockland



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County. He is a former president of the Haverstraw Lions Club, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Haverstraw Fire Department. He is a devotee of hunting when opportunity permits.

K. Harry Zeh married Elizabeth O'Rourke, a native of Middletown, New York, daughter of Charles O'Rourke. Mr. and Mrs. Zeh are the parents of a son, Gary, born in April, 1938, at Haverstraw, New York.

IRA HAROLD HOUSTON—On the old farm of his family, in Goshen, Ira Harold Houston is extensively engaged in the propagation of gladioli, having one of the largest enterprises of this kind in his community and district.

Mr. Houston was born May 14, 1898, in Goshen, New York, son of Thomas W. and Sarah Wells (Bull) Houston. His father, a farmer for many years in Goshen, died in 1929. The grandfather, James K. Houston, bought this original farm property, one hundred and fifty acres in extent, and later passed it on to his son, Thomas W. Houston, who continued operations until 1921.

Ira Harold Houston, who received his early education in Goshen public schools and was graduated in 1920 from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, then assumed charge of the home farm property. He had long been interested in its possibilities, and he now turned his attention to its larger development along the specialized lines in which he was interested. He now has a general dairy farm, and is building up on an ever-increasing scale his work as a cultivator of gladioli. He has one of the largest guadiolus-producing properties in Orange County, and one widely known for the size and splendor of the blossoms.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Houston is active in the business life of Goshen and Orange County. He is a director of the National Bank of Orange County, the Goshen Savings Bank and the Goshen & Deckertown Railroad. He has been president of the Goshen Board of Education since March, 1941, and since 1927 has been a member of the town board of the town of Goshen. He served several years on the board of directors of Chester National Bank. Formerly Mr. Houston was a member of the American Legion and of the Goshen Club, and he now belongs to the Goshen Rotary Club. He has been a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Presbyterian Church has served as elder. During the World War period of 1917-18 he was active in the Student Army Training Corps.

On September 5, 1925, Ira Harold Houston married Anne M. Sutherland, of Goshen, New York, daughter of Alexander C. and Elizabeth (Cooper) Sutherland. They became the parents of two children: 1. Lois A., born August 26, 1929. 2. Ruth S., born April 8, 1935.

MICHAEL H. PRENDERGAST—A younger member of the Prendergast family, well known in the annals of the lower Hudson River and western New York State, Michael H. Prendergast has followed the tradition and records of his ancestors in public services to their communities. He was born at Grassy Point, Rockland County, New York, September 22, 1913, son of James E. and Nora (Henagan) Prendergast. James E. Prendergast, a native of Grassy Point, who passed away in June, 1934, was a former Democratic leader of the township of Stony Point. Nora Prendergast resides with her son Michael.

Michael H. Prendergast secured his education in the public schools of Grassy Point, was graduated from the parochial school of Tomkins Cove, and the Haverstraw High School, with the class of 1933. During the following two years he was variously employed in Haverstraw and Stony Point. In 1935 he went to Washington, District of Columbia, with the National Democratic Committee, remaining there for about a year, as administrative assistant to W. Forbes Morgan, secretary of the National Democratic Committee. He then came to New York City as a purchasing agent for the Treasury Procurement Department Division, United States Treasury, continuing as such to 1939. In that year Mr. Prendergast resigned to accept a position with the "Rockland County Times," of Haverstraw, remaining with this publication until 1941. Mr. Prendergast then joined the police force of Palisades Park Commission at Bear Mountain. In connection with his police duties at Bear Mountain, he also did similar work for the village of Piermont, and in July, 1942, was appointed chief probation officer for the county of Rockland. This post he has since filled, with the exception of a short period in the United States Army in World War II and a term as a member of the professional staff of the War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference. In this connection he was appointed to take charge of a project at Mobile, Alabama, in the maritime branch, where he remained until September, 1944. He returned at that time to become assistant administrator of the prisoner of war project. Due to a physical injury, he was honorably discharged from the United States Army in the summer of 1943. He has a brother, Paul Prendergast, now serving in the United States Navy as a first class pharmacist mate in the amphibious forces.

A Democrat in his political faith and active in that party's campaigns and councils, he was town chairman of the Stony Point Democratic Committee, and a member of the county executive committee. Mr. Prendergast is a past president of the Haverstraw High School Alumni Association, member of the Haverstraw Council No. 581, Knights of Columbus, Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2, Haverstraw, and the Ale and Quail Club of Haverstraw. He attends St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, and is a member of the Holy Name

Society, and of St. Peter's Dramatic Club. Mr. Prendergast enjoys all forms of sports and played semi-professional football for several years after graduating from high school.

EDGAR VOORHEES ANDERSON—With the background of a degree in civil engineering and some years of experience in his profession, Edgar Voorhees Anderson settled in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, to engage in the contracting and building business. This has been his career to the present time and he has to his credit the construction of a number of outstanding buildings in this area, notably the new Poughkeepsie-New Yorker newspaper building in the city, several Vassar College structures including Skinner Hall, Kenyon Recreation Building and Gymnasium; and others of lesser importance throughout this district. He has by no means confined his activities to construction of the larger and semi-public type, for he built many of the splendid residences upon the estates of notables who live in this famous section of the Mid-Hudson River Valley hills, such as the residence of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

Mr. Anderson was born in New York City, January 13, 1881, son of Edgar and Mary H. (Quin) Anderson, both of whom are now deceased. His mother died in 1933; his father, a broker and banker in the financial section of lower New York City, survived to 1939. To a large extent the preparatory schooling of Edgar V. Anderson was acquired in private schools, and he was graduated from New York University with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1903. As mentioned, he followed his profession for a time, before entering the contracting and building business in Poughkeepsie, where he is rated among the topmost leaders. Mr. Anderson added to his business activities others of a civic, social and humanitarian character. He is a member of the Amrita Club, the Poughkeepsie Golf and Country Club, is a popular figure in the local chamber of commerce and a number of other organizations, and in 1944 became president of the Tax and Rent Payers' Insurance group, of Poughkeepsie. His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and he is a generous supporter of its work and of such humanitarian groups as the Red Cross Society, the Community Chest, and assists in campaigns and projects undertaken for the aid and betterment of local conditions and people.

In 1918, Edgar Voorhees Anderson married Marion C. Adriance, of Poughkeepsie, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Edgar A., a graduate of Bard College; he married Muriel Herling, and they have a son, Peter Adriance Anderson, born September 29, 1944. 2. Adrienne C., a graduate of The Masters School and the Finch Conservatory of Music.

WILLIAM HENRY DANNAT PELL—Since the completion of his formal and professional education in Columbia University, New York City, William Henry Dannat Pell, of Carmel, Putnam County, has made a career of the law. He was born on December 23, 1888, son of Charles Elliott and Josephine (Delano) Pell and a member of long established families in New York. His father, a lumber merchant, was long a member of the firm of Dannat & Pell of New York City.

William Henry Dannat Pell attended the Berkeley School, New York City, from 1899 to 1906, and then matriculated at Columbia University. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1909; studied at Columbia University Law School, and became a Bachelor of Laws in 1911. It is worthy of note that Mr. Pell completed both academic and technical courses in his *alma mater* in an unusually few number of years. He was associated with the firm of Bowers and Sand from 1911 to 1916; since 1918 he has been a member of the law firm of Gwinn and Pell, and is widely known as a specialist in estate, corporation and tax laws, notably in connection with chain store work.

At Columbia, Mr. Pell became a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. By right of notable ancestry he is a member of the Society of Colonial Wars. His military record goes back to 1913, when he joined the 7th Regiment of the National Guard of New York, and in 1916 served in Texas during the Mexican Border incident. From 1918 to 1919, he was connected with the Quartermaster Corps, C. & E. Division, and since 1942 he has been a major in the New York Guard, with the staff of the First Brigade. Numbered among his club affiliations are those with the Columbia University Club, the University Club, the St. Nicholas Society, and the Gipsy Trail Club, which he joined in 1929, and of which he was secretary for a year and the president for two years. He attends St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church of Cold Spring, of which his wife is also a member.

William Henry Dannat Pell married (first) March 29, 1921, Helen H. Num, who died August 16, 1942, and they were the parents of a son, Dannat L., born July 16, 1922. Mr. Pell married (second) November 6, 1943, Elisabeth P. Haldane, of Cold Spring, daughter of William H. and Alice (Paulding) Haldane.

JAMES HOYLE—At an early period James Hoyle acquainted himself thoroughly with the plumbing and steamfitting trade, later entering the sheet metal trade for himself in Nyack, where he continues today.

Mr. Hoyle was born May 30, 1893, in Brooklyn, New York, son of James and Eliza Jane (Brazendale) Hoyle, both natives of England, the father of Manchester and the mother of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade. He died when the son was but nine



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years old. The mother made her home with the younger James Hoyle, until her death in July, 1944.

Nyack public schools furnished the younger James Hoyle's early formal education through the high school grades. Living in Nyack from 1899 and completing his high school studies here, Mr. Hoyle served an apprenticeship in the plumbing and steamfitting trade between 1911 and 1913, and became thoroughly skilled in sheet metal work of all kinds. He received a sound practical schooling in this work under the guidance of O. W. Locke, of Nyack. Later he worked along the same lines with A. L. Henry, also of Nyack, beginning in 1914. In 1925 he purchased the business previously conducted by Mr. Henry, at No. 75 South Broadway, and some years later, in 1937, he purchased the original O. W. Locke Building, at No. 69 South Broadway. He continues this same business down to the time of writing, and is widely recognized as one of Nyack's leading public-spirited citizens.

His services to Nyack have been many and varied. Mr. Hoyle was at an early period active in community affairs, having been elected a village trustee and served for two terms, between 1930 and 1934. From 1931 to 1933 he was police commissioner of Nyack. Elected in 1941 to the town council of Orangetown, he still serves in this position at the time of writing. During the First World War, Mr. Hoyle enlisted in the navy and remained in the service until 1919, acting as a ship fitter, second class. After the war he resumed his work in his trade. A Republican in politics, he is a member of his party's committee in Nyack District No. 18, having so served for a number of years. In 1929 Mr. Hoyle was a commander of the Charles R. and Raymond O. Blauvelt Post No. 310 of the American Legion. He was president of the Nyack Republican Club in 1938 and 1939, and since 1926 he has been a member of the Nyack Rotary Club. He was formerly chairman of the Sea Scouts, and long figured in the work of the Boy Scouts of America. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Rockland Lodge. He was one of the original members of the Rockland County Master Plumbers' Association, and served as its first secretary, so continuing for five years. When the Second World War emergency arose, Mr. Hoyle was one of the first members of the Rockland County Defense Council. Among his other activities, he served, between 1911 and 1917, as a member of Highland Hose Company, local volunteer fire department, and he is at the time of writing an active member of Mazeppa Engine Company, Nyack. Boating and fishing are among Mr. Hoyle's chief recreations.

James Hoyle married on April 3, 1926, Lydia Oliver, of Closter, New Jersey, daughter of John J. and Estella (Johnson) Oliver. They became the parents of two children: 1. Lois M. Hoyle, born January 14, 1929, in Nyack, a high school student at the time of writing. 2. Joan Hoyle, born November 22, 1931, in Nyack. Mrs.

Hoyle was graduated from Closter High School. She is a past president of the American Legion auxiliary in Nyack, serves as chairman of the Girl Scout troop committee and is a member of the Eastern Star Chapter, Closter, New Jersey. She is a member of the First Reformed Church of Nyack. Mr. Hoyle also has a brother, Henry Hoyle, and a sister, Grace L. (Hoyle) Towt, both of Nyack.

ALFRED ALLENDORPH SCHOONMAKER, II—Operating what is credited with being Poughkeepsie's leading funeral chapel, Alfred A. Schoonmaker II is one of this community's leading citizens and professional men. Mr. Schoonmaker was born August 16, 1910, in Poughkeepsie, New York, son of Alfred A. and Addie Florence (Mallory) Schoonmaker, who were married in Christ Church in 1907. His mother was the daughter of Cornelius and Addie Florence (Hayman) Mallory.

One of the old and honored families of the Hudson River Valley section, the Schoonmaker ancestry goes back to the Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, and one Hendrick Jochemse Schoonmaker, a native of Holland, who came to this country with the Dutch settlers. In his youth Hendrick Jochemse had entered the army of the Dutch Government and won the rank of lieutenant. As a lieutenant of a small military company, he accompanied Peter Stuyvesant to New Amsterdam when Peter became Governor of the Province. Subsequently, Hendrick Jochemse Schoonmaker operated an inn at Fort Orange, now Albany, and later settled in Ulster County, where he erected a home in about 1654. His direct descendant, Captain Frederick Schoonmaker, a native of Ulster County, fought in many decisive battles of the American Revolution. His son, Thomas, became the great-great-grandfather of Alfred A. Schoonmaker, Sr. Succeeding generations furnished educators, ministers, farmers, and business men to community life in Ulster County.

Silas Schoonmaker, father of Alfred A. Schoonmaker, Sr., attended Kingston Academy, Ulster County, then the United States School of Embalming, and returned to Red Hook, New York, to establish one of the oldest businesses of its kind in this vicinity. He was the first licensed mortician in Dutchess County to embalm a cadaver scientifically. Silas Schoonmaker first became a funeral director in Red Hook, New York, and it was here that he married Nellie Shook Allendorph, daughter of Alfred and Catherine (Shook) Allendorph, also of Red Hook.

Alfred Allendorph Schoonmaker, son of the above, was born January 14, 1880, in Poughkeepsie, graduated from Riverview Academy, and became associated in business with his father at Red Hook. Shortly after the turn into the present century he went to Poughkeepsie, and down the years became outstanding in his profession. For some years he operated his funeral chapel at No. 77 Academy Street, then several years ago he opened the

Schoonmaker Chapel at No. 73 South Hamilton Street, and resided at 75 South Hamilton Street with his family. Mr. Schoonmaker, Sr., was elected a director of the Fallkill National Bank & Trust Company, January 8, 1935, holding a directorate on the board at the time of his death in 1936.

Mr. Schoonmaker, the senior, became most widely known during his association with home and work relief agencies of the community. When the first TERA was organized in 1931, he became chairman of the county organization, and when the CWA was formed subsequently he became head of the committee which administered the entire organization in the county. In the various relief posts he held in later years, he has headed organizations which dispensed thousands of jobs and hundreds of thousands of dollars in the city and county. When the CWA was abandoned, he became head of the county TERA, administering both home and work relief in the county. When work relief was transferred to WPA, he retained his post as chairman of the Emergency Relief Bureau of the county. For several years he was associated with President Henry Noble MacCracken, of Vassar College, and John F. Pingry, of Millbrook, on the ERB. At the time of his death Mr. Schoonmaker was chairman of the TERA.

Among fraternal, civic and social affiliations of A. A. Schoonmaker, Sr., were Red Hook Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Triune Lodge (January 27, 1904); Poughkeepsie Chapter, Royal Arch Masons (April, 1909); King Solomon Council, Royal and Select Masters, at Poughkeepsie; Poughkeepsie Commandery, Knights Templar (June 3, 1914); and Cypress Temple, at Albany, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a charter member and past president of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club, director of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, former vice-president of the chamber; former president of the Dutchess County Council, Boy Scouts of America; member of the Holland Society, of which he was vice-president; member of the Sons of the Revolution; Davy Crockett Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2, and the famous Crockett's minstrels; member of the exempt firemen's association, the Euterpe Club, Amrita Club, the Dutchess Golf and Country Club. His professional connections were the National Selective Morticians of the Second District (one of the charter members), Columbia-Dutchess-Putnam Counties Funeral Directors Association, and several State and regional funeral directors organizations. He was also a member of the Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 275, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Fallkill Lodge, No. 266, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Alfred Allendorph Schoonmaker, II, attended the old No. 8 Public School in Poughkeepsie, then Oakwood School, and the New York Military Academy, at Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, class of 1932. He was a graduate of the Eckels College of Embalming, and Derma

Surgery in Philadelphia. In 1933, after completing his studies, he became associated with his father, Alfred A. Schoonmaker, Sr., in the mortuary profession in Poughkeepsie. At his father's death, August 15, 1936, Alfred A. Schoonmaker, II, continued the business. He represents the third generation of his family to own and operate this one funeral home.

In addition to his work with his own firm, Mr. Schoonmaker is active in the general affairs of his profession, belonging to the Metropolitan Funeral Directors' Association, the National Selective Morticians and the National Funeral Directors' Association. He is also a director of the Dutchess County Emergency Mortuary Service. In numerous other aspects of civic life Mr. Schoonmaker is also active. He is a member of the Special State Police and the New York Sheriffs' Association. In the Masonic Order he has many affiliations, belonging to Triune Lodge, No. 782, Free and Accepted Masons, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Oak Council, No. 319, of Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club, the Dutchess County Country Club, the Holland Society of Nieu Amsterdam, the Young Men's Christian Association; was chairman of the Dutchess County Boy Scouts of America; is a member and past director of the Rotary Club; a member of the Advertisers Club, the Army and Navy Club, and the Officers Club of the Army and Navy. He is a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Euterpe Glee Club, Eckels College Research Foundation, Embalmers Examining Board of the United States, and Rombout Riding and Hunt Club.

Alfred A. Schoonmaker, II, married, June 29, 1940, Ella Weaver Beckwith, of Poughkeepsie, daughter of Ralph E. and Adeline Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Schoonmaker are the parents of a son, Alfred Allendorph Schoonmaker, III, born October 3, 1944.

CHARLES RICHARD WOODHULL—It is with a background of extensive engineering and business experience that Charles Richard Woodhull has come to his present post of city engineer and surveyor of Newburgh. He has held this position since 1932.

Mr. Woodhull was born June 5, 1878, in New York City, son of Nathaniel D. and Martha V. (Andrews) Woodhull. His father was for years engaged in the milk and ice cream business in New York City.

Charles Richard Woodhull studied at the Bordentown Military Institute, Bordentown, New Jersey, then was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts. In Monroe, New York, he began his business career as an engineer. Later he was associated for six months with Everett Garrison, then city engineer of Newburgh, there gaining his initial training in city work. Mr. Woodhull then formed, with a partner, the engineering firm of Blake & Woodhull, which existed until 1932. It was in that year, as indi-



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cated above, that he was appointed city engineer and surveyor of Newburgh, in which position he continues down to the time of writing.

Always deeply interested in community affairs, Mr. Woodhull is a Republican in his political views. He is a director of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce and a past director of the City Club and the Powelton Club, of this city. He belongs to the Orange County Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers and Surveyors. Fraternally he is connected with the Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Sigma Chi fraternity. He belongs to St. Paul's Church. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life, being particularly fond of golf.

On June 14, 1906, in Monroe, New York, Charles Richard Woodhull married Evelyn Sutherland, daughter of William and Emma (Hunter) Sutherland. Her father was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Woodhull became the parents of two children: 1. William N., born March 12, 1908, died January 12, 1928; he attended public schools through the high school grades, in Newburgh. 2. T. Scott, born August 22, 1910, in Newburgh, attended public schools here through the high school grades, now in the army as engineer overseas; formerly associated in business with his father; he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons; he married Emma Callahan.

JULES EWIG—As a practitioner of law in Walden, Jules Ewig has performed a highly useful work in this community. He takes a deep interest in local affairs, and is known for his many-sided and generous participation in the life of Walden.

Mr. Ewig was born November 21, 1910, in New York City, son of William and Regina (Pasternak) Ewig. His father was a manufacturer in Ellenville.

New York City and Ellenville schools provided Jules Ewig's early formal education, and he subsequently had a pre-law course at Syracuse University. He studied law at St. John's Law School, in Brooklyn, New York, where he was graduated in 1936 as a Bachelor of Laws. Commencing his general practice of law at that time in Walden, he has continued here down to the time of writing, practicing in all the courts, including the Southern District Federal Court.

In addition to his private practice of law, Mr. Ewig is active in the general affairs of his profession, being a member of the Ulster County Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, the Walden Jewish Centre and the Men's Club.

In 1932 he married, in New York City, Helen Gordon.

DR. EDWARD H. VANDENBURGH—The name Vandenburg has been identified prominently with the

outstanding business firms of Haverstraw for more than six decades. The older Mr. Vandenburg established, in 1882, a store dealing in jewelry and allied products. Of the second generation is Dr. Edward H. Vandenburg, one of the noteworthy optometrists of the State, who has rendered exceptional service to the community in his profession for a quarter of a century. Equally well he has entered into local life and affairs in a variety of activities that have contributed constructively to the progress and betterment of the city.

Dr. Vandenburg was born in Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, on August 10, 1894, son of Edward P. and Theresa (Hahn) Vandenburg, his mother living to 1940. Edward P. Vandenburg, who died in 1936, was a native of Athens, New York, who came to Haverstraw while very young and grew up with the community. A jeweler by trade, he established a store in 1882, the destinies of which he directed to his passing. The business, one of the oldest in the city and highly reputed, has since 1937 been conducted by his son, the subject of this record. The elder Mr. Vandenburg was a civic-minded citizen, prominent in many local projects and organizations, and held in high esteem and affection by a host of friends and acquaintances. His death was sincerely mourned by every one who knew him well.

Edward H. Vandenburg attended the schools of his birthplace. He entered Columbia University, New York City, in 1914 and studied optometry. To further his preparations for his profession, he pursued postgraduate work in the Pennsylvania College of Optics and Ophthalmology. It was, therefore, with thorough preparation and some experience that he initiated a practice of optometry in Haverstraw. That was in 1918, and since that time he has achieved a splendid reputation in his profession, serving clients that come from a wide territory, including southeastern New York and northern New Jersey.

While at Columbia University, Dr. Vandenburg became a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Hudson River Valley Chapter, No. 295, Royal Arch Masons; and the Knights of Pythias. He is vice-president of the Lions Club of Haverstraw, and attends the Presbyterian Church. He was Master of Stony Point Lodge for two years, 1929-30, and member of the school board, Haverstraw Union Free School from 1927 to 1940.

At Hoboken, New Jersey, February 18, 1917, Dr. Edward H. Vandenburg married Mildred A. O'Connor, daughter of Richard and Mary Jane (Bolt) O'Connor. Mrs. Vandenburg is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Dr. and Mrs. Vandenburg are the parents of four children: 1. Mildred, who married Mr. Clarke, and is the mother of two sons: Roland V. and Edward William. 2. Elinor J., attending Keuka College, Keuka Park, New York. 3. Patricia Ann, attending high school. 4. Edward Peter, an undergraduate at New York Military Academy.

JOHN J. SCHWER—To those who know it best the Hudson River Valley offers many attractions and opportunities, especially to persons who have the urge to enter some form of agriculture. John J. Schwer was eminently successful in the business of transportation in Newburgh and started in the dairy business in Newburgh in 1920. Six years later he consolidated his interests with those of H. B. Cooley and Charles A. Flynn to organize the C. F. S. Milk Company, Inc. For seventeen years there was a steady growth in the business done by the company, and this business was consolidated with the Crowley Milk Company in 1944.

Mr. Schwer was secretary and treasurer of the C. F. S. Milk Company, Inc., and was well known in community commercials and life. He was a member of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and the Lions Club, of which he was a past president. His fraternal affiliations were with the Free and Accepted Masons, Hudson River Lodge, and he was a member of the Blue Lodge and the Commandery, Knights Templar, being a Past Commander of the latter. He was a member of the United Commercial Travelers. He attended the Trinity Methodist Church.

He was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, October 30, 1890, son of John J. and Elizabeth Owen Schwer, his father engaged as a produce merchant in Newburgh. Both parents are now deceased.

In Newburgh, New York, December 25, 1912, John J. Schwer married Isobel Morley, of Newburgh, daughter of Frederick Walter Morley and Mary MacFarlane Morley. Mr. and Mrs. Schwer were the parents of two children: 1. Frances, born January 13, 1914; attended business school for one year and is now employed with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company in Newburgh. 2. John J. Jr., born May 5, 1916; graduated from Syracuse University with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1939, and served in World War II for four years in the Engineers Corps of the United States Army, being stationed for two years in the Aleutians.

Mr. Schwer died September 28, 1943.

WILLIAM C. KINGMAN—An executive of tried and proven abilities and enterprise, William C. Kingman has been general manager and treasurer of the Canfield Supply Company, of Kingston, Ulster County, for thirty-six years. He is widely respected in business circles and enjoys an unusually large number of friends and acquaintances in all walks of life. Not the least of his achievements are fifty-four years' connection with the oldest plumbing and electrical store in the Ulster County metropolis.

Born in Rensselaer County, New York, on August 7, 1870, Mr. Kingman is the son of Oliver P. and Cornelia (Casper) Kingman, both of whom are deceased. Reared on his father's farm, the son of this account attended local district schools and the higher schools of Albany,

and rounded out his preparation for life in the Albany Business College. He had been variously employed before he arrived at his majority, and became associated with the Canfield Supply Company, of Kingston. For half a century and more he has been an exemplar of the traditional American way of life at its best—the sticking to the job one undertakes in youth and down the years increasing the skill and knowledge necessary to do one's job efficiently and with success.

Mr. Kingman is a trustee of the Rondout Savings Bank, and has at times been financially interested in several companies. Without ever being a politician, he has furthered civic affairs by coöperation and community service. Mr. Kingman is a trustee of the Kingston Industrial Home, the local Young Men's Christian Association, the Wiltwyck Cemetery and the Home for the Aged, and is a popular member of the Kingston Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is active in the Boy Scout movement and serves as a member of the executive board.

At Kingston, New York, William C. Kingman married (first) Caroline Brodhead, who is deceased. He married (second) Edith C. Holmes. Children: 1. Elizabeth, married Lieutenant Colonel J. Richard Shults, and is the mother of three children: John R., Carol, and Janet Shults. 2. Marion S., married Major William Hardenbergh, and they have two children: Barbara and Dan Hardenbergh.

EUGENE B. CAREY—Widely known and honored for his contribution to business and public life, Eugene B. Carey is engaged in the insurance business in Kingston. He has performed services of substantial value to his native city and its people and institutions, and has held many positions of importance here, including that of mayor.

Mr. Carey was born September 24, 1891, in Kingston, New York, son of Michael B. and Jane E. (Edwards) Carey. His father, a native of West Hurley, Ulster County, who died in 1932, was engaged in blue stone quarrying in Ulster County, one of the industries which was famous in that county. The mother was a native of Delaware County, this State.

Eugene B. Carey attended public schools in Kingston, and studied at the Spencer Business College here. He has been connected with the insurance business practically throughout his entire business career, beginning in April, 1919. In that year he became associated with Parker K. Brinnier, the two men forming the insurance firm of Brinnier & Carey, which continued as such until Mr. Brinnier's death on March 29, 1929. In that year Mr. Carey established himself in business under his own name, practicing independently. He deals in all kinds of insurance, including life insurance, and is widely known throughout this area. His offices have been continuously at 53 John Street, Kingston.



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In many ways, wholly aside from his insurance work, Mr. Carey has effectively served the Kingston community. In 1931 he was elected mayor of this city for a two-year term. During his régime he developed the city parks, established wading pools for children, persuaded Ulster County to turn over the Municipal Auditorium to the city of Kingston, and accomplished many needed reforms. The Municipal Auditorium has the largest seating capacity to be found in any meeting place in Ulster County. His term as mayor was made more difficult by the fact that it coincided with the heart of the economic depression, following on the financial collapse of 1929, and many of the public works that Mr. Carey initiated and saw through to completion were valuable through the employment that they furnished, as well as in the character of the works themselves.

During the First World War, Mr. Carey enlisted in his country's armed forces, and after the return of peace he became active in the American Legion. He is a past commander of his post, having been commander in 1926, when the Legion moved into its new home in Kingston, and in 1931. He was also first adjutant of the Legion, serving 1919-20, 1926-28, and in 1943 wrote a history of the organization. He was service officer 1937-39; and captain of the drum corps 1937-39; Ulster County Veterans Relief Commission; a member of New York State Veterans Relief Bureau, 1936-45, and a member of the executive committee in 1943. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and of the American Legion.

In 1928 Eugene B. Carey married Katharine Diamond, of Ulster County, New York. They became the parents of a daughter, Mary Sheila, born August 18, 1929.

JAMES GILLINDER, president of Gillinder Brothers, Inc., with his brothers withdrew from Gillinder & Sons, Inc., of Philadelphia, and established the Gillinder Brothers Glass Factory in Port Jervis, New York. This was in the year 1912. James Gillinder, born in Philadelphia, March 12, 1880, son of James Gillinder, for many years a glass manufacturer, and Martha Webster (Bennett) Gillinder, was a graduate of the Philadelphia Central High School and the University of Pennsylvania.

After graduation he worked for a short while in the experimental plant of the Philadelphia Water Department and then taught for a few years at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1902 he entered the employment of Gillinder & Sons, Inc., of Philadelphia, and remained with them until 1912 when William T. Gillinder, Edwin B. Gillinder and he (respectively president, sales manager, and production manager), formed a company in Port Jervis. In 1931, after the death of his brothers, he became president of the company and remains as such at the present time.

Mr. Gillinder takes an active and constructive interest in civic affairs of Port Jervis. He is an official of the First National Bank of Port Jervis, and also of the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association. His college fraternities are Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Xi (honorary). He is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Ceramics Society, and the British Society of Glass Technology. Since 1917 he has been president of the Port Jervis School Board, and is a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a Republican in his political faith, and is a member of the Port Jervis Rotary Club and the Chemists' Club, of New York City. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a member of the general conference of the Methodist Church in 1944.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1905, James Gillinder married Irene Stafford, daughter of William and Emma (Wilkinson) Stafford, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Emma Wilkinson, born in 1906, who married Mr. Godsmann, and they have two children; James Gillinder Godsmann and Jean Scott Godsmann, both born and living in India. 2. Elizabeth G., born in 1917.

FRED DUNNING SALMON—Associated for many years with the Tri-States Publishing Company, of Port Jervis, Fred Dunning Salmon is president and treasurer of this organization and is widely known as publisher of the Port Jervis "Union-Gazette."

Mr. Salmon was born July 28, 1894, in Port Jervis, New York, son of Fred Russell and Flora (Dunning) Salmon. His father was publisher of the Port Jervis "Union-Gazette" from 1877 to 1926.

Port Jervis schools provided Fred Dunning Salmon's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school here in 1911. He then became a student at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he was graduated in 1916 as a Bachelor of Arts. Entering the employ of the Tri-States Publishing Company at that time, he has since been with this same organization except for a leave-of-absence during the First World War. From the summer of 1917 until July, 1919, he was in the armed services. As president and treasurer of the company since 1926, he has performed services that are highly useful to Port Jervis and its people, and the Port Jervis "Union-Gazette," which he publishes, is widely known and read.

In addition to his activities in this connection, Mr. Salmon is prominent in other business organizations, being president and a director of the Coöperative Loan & Savings Society and a director of the First National Bank of Port Jervis. In Port Jervis he is a member of the board of education and serves on Selective Service Board, No. 307, at the time of writing, during the Second World War. He was with the 104th Ordnance Depot Company during the First World War, and he retains his interest in military affairs. He is a member of Port

Jervis Lodge, No. 328, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and Port Jervis Lodge, No. 645, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also is active in the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Port Jervis, although the members of his family belong to the First Baptist Church.

On June 17, 1921, at Port Jervis, New York, Fred Dunning Salmon married Helen De Woody, daughter of the Rev. Charles and Mary Jessie (Hawley) De Woody. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Patricia, born April 12, 1922, now Mrs. Patricia (Salmon) Mathieson, who has a son, Richard A. Mathieson, Jr. 2. Janet Ruthlvan, born September 3, 1923. 3. Fred Dunning, Jr., born April 22, 1925. 4. Charles De Woody, born October 14, 1929. 5. Russell O., II., born December 10, 1933.

VINCENT A. CLARK—For many years Vincent A. Clark has been active in business and civic affairs in Haverstraw and Stony Point and this region of Rockland County. He is manager of the loan department of the National Bank & Trust Company of Haverstraw, as well as justice of the peace and a leader along many lines of activity.

Judge Clark was born February 10, 1909, at Stony Point, New York, son of Matthew and Catherine (Courtney) Clark. His father, long engaged in the brick business, as was also the grandfather, is now retired from his active endeavors of a busy career. The father, too, was a native of Stony Point. The mother, Mrs. Catherine (Courtney) Clark, is a Rockland County woman.

Parochial schools provided the early formal education of Vincent A. Clark, who subsequently, after completing his work at the Immaculate Conception School in Stony Point, attended Stony Point High School. Graduated from high school in 1928, he took further studies there in the nature of postgraduate work. Serving a clerkship with the National Bank & Trust Company, of Haverstraw, he worked his way upward through the varying grades of service with this institution until eventually he was made a teller in 1937. He was made manager of the loan department in 1942, and so continues down to the time of writing.

For many years interested in civic and social matters, Mr. Clark was elected a justice of the peace in Stony Point in 1935, then was reelected in 1937, 1939 and 1941. He is still so serving down to the time of writing. In 1943 he was elected vice-president of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and at the time of writing is serving in this post. He is a member of the association and has been active in its affairs for many years. He also is an active fraternalist, belonging to the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Columbus. He is active in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, of whose Holy Name Society he is president and

in whose affairs he has long been prominent. He is one of the community's leading Catholics. In spare time he is deeply interested in sports and healthful outdoor life. Mr. Clark's brother, John Henry Clark, was the first member of the armed forces from Stony Point to make the supreme sacrifice during the Second World War. Killed in June, 1942, he was one whose passing was widely and profoundly mourned in this region of the State.

On September 19, 1942, at St. Joseph's Church, Stony Point, Vincent A. Clark married Helen Sutherland, daughter of William and Mary (Lenahan) Sutherland. Her father was engaged in shipbuilding operations for a quarter of a century, and was widely known and loved among a host of friends in all walks of life. The Clarks are among Stony Point's well-beloved residents, and their contribution to local welfare has been a substantial one from many points of view.

LOUIS ROSENBERG—For many years Louis Rosenberg has been active in the business affairs of Haverstraw and this vicinity of New York State. He is treasurer of the Garnerville Holding Company and the Garnerville Machine & Tool Company, as well as treasurer of the Garnerville Realty Corporation.

Mr. Rosenberg was born June 14, 1895, in New York City, son of the late Kappel and Rachel (Adler) Rosenberg. His father, who was born in Russia, came to New York City in young manhood, and subsequently settled in Haverstraw, where he became engaged in successful business endeavors. He died in November, 1940.

Public schools provided Louis Rosenberg's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school in 1913. He had his high school training in Haverstraw, where his family came to live while he was still very young. Associating himself with his father, who had established his own business in 1900, he became increasingly well known in this area as a dispenser of house furnishings, furniture, radios, radio equipment and the like. This business, dating back to the very beginning of the century, was started by Kappel Rosenberg and a partner, the late Harry Friedman, and it was originally known as Friedman & Rosenberg. In 1929 Louis Rosenberg and his brother, Alfred Rosenberg, purchased the interest that formerly was Mr. Friedman's, and they proceeded to carry on the enterprise, enlarging the premises and purchasing adjacent buildings as more space was needed. The former Odd Fellows' Building is now a part of this company's property. It has a one hundred and fifty-foot frontage, and a depth of one hundred and seventy-five feet. The building has three floors and a basement.

The Rosenberg firm has also started what is known as the Cheerful Service Furniture Corporation, in Suffern. Mr. Rosenberg, among his other activities, is treasurer of the Garnerville Machine & Tool Company, and



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of the Garnerville Holding Company, mentioned above. Quite aside from his business activities, he is active in a variety of civic affairs. He serves as district chairman of the Northern Rockland County Council, Boy Scouts of America, and belongs to Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, of the Free and Accepted Masons and Iona Lodge, No. 128, of the Knights of Pythias. He is a Rotarian, and is a past president of the Lions Club. At the time of the First World War, he enlisted in the army, serving overseas with Evacuation Hospital, No. 11, later becoming a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At the time of writing he is a leader in defense work in his community, being affiliated with the United States Citizens' Defense Corps, the Citizens' Service Corps and the local Rationing Board. He is also an aircraft observer in the Air Raid Warning Service. Fraternally Mr. Rosenberg is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. In spare time he enjoys deep-sea fishing and golf.

Louis Rosenberg married, in New York City, on November 14, 1920, Esther Schlossberg, who is also active in defense work—the Aircraft Warning Service, the Red Cross, the United Service Organizations at Camp Shanks, and the Citizens' Defense Corps. She is a daughter of Frank Schlossberg. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg became the parents of two children: 1. Robert, born in Haverstraw in November, 1924, graduated from Haverstraw High School, now a lieutenant in the Engineers Corps, United States Army, affiliated with the 3d Regiment, 9th Training Battalion, Company C. 2. Alfred, born in 1926, graduated from Haverstraw High School, matriculated at the Riverside Military Academy; attended the Citadel in South Carolina and now is in Signalmen's School in the navy, at Sampson, New York.

ANDREW J. COOK—Carrying on a general independent practice of law in Kingston, Andrew J. Cook occupies a position of high standing in the life of this community and is active in many of its affairs.

Mr. Cook was born August 2, 1884, in Kingston, New York, son of George G. and Margaret (Miller) Cook. His father was for years a conductor with the New York Central Railroad Company.

Kingston Academy provided Andrew J. Cook's early formal education, and he was graduated from Albany Law School in 1905 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in that year, he entered into a partnership with the late Judge Van Etten in 1912 and was so associated until 1927. In that year he started his own independent practice in Kingston, with his own offices and independent clientele. He is a member and past president of the Ulster County Bar Association and a member of the nominating committee of the New York State Bar Association.

For years active in Kingston affairs, Mr. Cook is a staunch Democrat, although formerly he was a Republican. On the Republican ticket he was elected to the New York State Assembly some years ago. He was a special deputy attorney general, and in 1940 he was appointed a county judge. Mr. Cook is also active in local business life as vice-president of the Kingston Savings Bank. He is deeply interested in education, and serves as a member of the board of visitors of the New York State Teachers' College, at New Paltz, and as vice-president of the board. He is also a member of the board of education of the city of Kingston. In addition to his many other affiliations, Mr. Cook belongs to the Kingston Club and is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Kingston Council of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. In spare time Mr. Cook is fond of traveling. His interests are many-sided, and he is admired for his dignity of bearing and his whole-hearted devotion to worth-while principles of thinking and living.

In 1908, in Kingston, New York, Andrew J. Cook married Mary E. Larkin, daughter of Michael H. and Mary (Cooney) Larkin. They became the parents of four children, of whom Mr. Cook is justifiably proud: 1. Julia M., studied at Holy Trinity College, Washington, District of Columbia, graduated from St. John's Law School, Brooklyn, New York, admitted to the bar, served as Assistant Attorney General of New York State, now secretary to Judge John Loughran (*q. v.*); she became the wife of Edmund Clooman, now with the Army Engineer Corps, and is the mother of their two children: Kevin Clooman, born in 1942, and Robert Clooman, born in 1944. 2. Gertrude L., graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgian Court College, taught high school at Highland and Kingston; became the wife of Stephan Breitfeller, manager of the Long Branch Auto Sales Corporation, and is the mother of their children—i. Merrill Breitfeller, born in 1939. ii. Anita Breitfeller, born in 1940. 3. Andrew J., Jr., born in 1918, graduated from Holy Cross College and the Albany Law School, taking the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1940, admitted to the bar, then became associated with his father in the practice of law and so continued until he entered the quartermaster corps of the army. 4. John K., born in 1920, attended Georgetown University, graduated from the Roosevelt School of Aviation in 1940, now crew chief of the Northwest Airlines, Billings, Montana.

CHARLES W. WALTON—A member of the law firm of Wiswall, Walton, Wood and MacAffer, with offices in Kingston and Albany, Charles W. Walton was one of the widely known citizens of Kingston and this region of New York State, and respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Walton was born November 13, 1875, at Olive Branch, Ulster County, New York, son of James and Ida (Terwilliger) Walton. His father was a blacksmith, with manufacturing interests in Phoenicia, New York, over a period of many years. He served in the Union forces during the Civil War.

Charles W. Walton attended public schools and Kingston Academy, where he was graduated in 1893. Afterward he studied law under the guidance of Judge Alphonse T. Clearwater, of Kingston, then was admitted to the bar of New York State on July 6, 1897. He began his career as an associate of Judge Clearwater, of Kingston, with whom he practiced continuously until January 1, 1922. At that time he removed to Albany and entered into a partnership with Frank L. Wiswall and Charles J. Tobin, the three men forming the law firm of Tobin, Wiswall and Walton. Later Chester Wood and Kenneth S. MacAffer entered the firm, which thereupon became Wiswall, Walton, Wood and MacAffer, one of the strongest legal combinations in this part of the State. The firm has offices at No. 254 Fair Street, Kingston, and at No. 90 State Street, Albany, and in these two cities and throughout this New York State district Mr. Walton enjoyed a large practice until his death, January 19, 1945. His clientele always displayed the greatest loyalty to him personally, and he was able to make, through his professional knowledge and achievement, a substantial contribution to his times.

He rendered valuable public service, formerly as counsel to the board of the Hudson River Regulating District and the Lake Champlain Bridge Commission. He had been long interested in politics, aligning himself with the Republican party at an early period and giving it since that time his unwavering allegiance. In 1914 he was elected a State Senator from the 29th District, comprising Ulster, Greene and Delaware counties. Serving in the Senate from 1915 to 1922, Mr. Walton took an important rôle in its deliberations and maintained always a broad grasp of statewide problems. His service marked one of the most progressive eras in the annals of the commonwealth, and the beneficial effects of the measures that he instituted were enduring. He served as chairman of the committee to revise the corporate law, and in 1921 introduced a measure for creation of a joint commission to examine these laws in the State and simplify and coordinate such laws and procedure. The bill was successful, and New York State today has corporate legislation that is among the most practical to be found anywhere in the world. Senator Walton was a member of the joint commission which brought about this essential and practical legislation. In 1920 he was chairman of another commission, which came into existence as a result of a bill introduced by him, a commission founded to examine State laws relating to child welfare, to investigate their effects and to propose remedial legislation. The direct outcome of his work was the establishment of

children's courts and courts of domestic relations as separate parts of existing courts, and a constitutional amendment was introduced by him for that purpose and enacted into law in 1921. In 1922 another of his bills provided for establishing children's courts in all counties except New York, Chautauqua, Monroe, Ontario and parts of Erie and Onondaga counties. In the same year another of his bills was passed, providing for establishment of boards of child welfare and defining the duties of such boards. Mr. Walton also served as chairman of the committee on simplification of the civil practice act, and for four years he was chairman of the committee on codes, completing in that connection a project that had been dragging on unfinished for twenty years in this State. For three years he headed the conservation committee in the Senate, and introduced there a large number of bills for extending the scope of the conservation department of the State government and saw them enacted into laws.

A Kingston newspaper commented as follows on Mr. Walton's efforts in behalf of his district:

Ulster County will not forget Senator Walton's work in securing the completion of the Rondout Creek Bridge. The World War caused work on the bridge to be suspended. With the return of peace Senator Walton asked for an appropriation and obtained \$420,000 with which to complete the bridge. He fought for the appropriation and obtained it. The bridge was promptly completed and opened to the public.

Fruit growers remember what Senator Walton did for them when the currant industry of Ulster County was threatened by the white pine blister rust and currant rust. There was no law that could be invoked. Then through Senator Walton's efforts the necessary legislation was secured which enabled the state successfully to fight the dreaded pest, and the currant industry of two counties was saved.

When Judge Hasbrouck tendered his resignation as a member of the New York State Supreme Court, Senator Walton was nominated as his successor by Judge Clearwater, who summed up his qualifications in this way: "He is able; he is honest; he is just." In this connection the editor of a Kingston newspaper commented: "Whether he be considered in the light of wide and important legal experience, or as a student of keen perception in matters relating to the laws of New York State, Charles W. Walton, of Kingston, nominated by the Republican party in the 3d Judicial District for justice of the Supreme Court, is a strong selection and an eminently fitted candidate. The district includes Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene, Schoharie, Ulster and Sullivan counties." A large number of votes were cast for Mr. Walton in the election, which took place in November, 1930, but the victory was won by Judge Loughran.

In addition to being a leading lawyer of Kingston and a member of the firm of Wiswall, Walton, Wood and MacAffer, Mr. Walton was chairman of the Ulster

County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Active in professional bodies, he was a member of the house of delegates of the American Bar Association from 1937 through 1939. He had been secretary of the New York State Bar Association since 1922, and belonged also to the New York County Bar Association, the Albany County Bar Association, the Ulster County Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He belonged to the Fort Orange Club of Albany and the National Republican Club, as well as to the Kingston Club, the Twaalfskill Country Club, of which Mrs. Walton is a member, and Lake Katrine Grange. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belonged to Kingston Lodge, No. 10, the Royal Arch chapter, the council of Royal and Select Masters, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (in which he held the thirty-second degree), and Cyprus Temple (Albany) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belonged to Kingston Lodge, No. 550, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A man of broad and kindly sympathies, Mr. Walton was particularly fond of children . . . "the citizens of tomorrow," as he expressed it, who "depend entirely upon us. The place in which they are to live is what we make it; and through the enforcement of law and the administration of justice, the home and property are preserved." Mr. Walton was a member of the Fair Street Reformed Church, of Kingston, and active in the support of everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his city along cultural lines.

He was a member of the New York State Historical Association and the Ulster County Historical Association; of the latter Mrs. Walton is a member.

Charles W. Walton married April 20, 1938, Belle Van Keuren, a daughter of the late Willard Benjamin Van Keuren, at one time a merchant at Kerhonkson, and Katherine (Knapp) Van Keuren. The Walton home is at No. 177 Albany Avenue, Kingston.

WILLIAM H. JUDSON—One of the oldest banks in Dutchess County, the First National Bank of Rhinebeck, is under the direction of William H. Judson, who has been associated with the institution for more than half a century. He succeeded to the presidency of the bank in 1930, as sixth man to hold the office, and has continued in this position to the present time. The First National Bank of Rhinebeck has paid consecutive dividends for more than seventy years. One of the leading citizens of Rhinebeck, Mr. Judson is interested in the affairs of the village, and is especially proud of the bank with which he is associated.

Mr. Judson was born at Rhinebeck on July 13, 1869, son of John D. and Rachel (Van Steenberg) Judson, both natives of Rhinebeck. His father, who was a former president of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck, and who had been in business here as a hardware merchant, died in 1913. The mother died in 1918.

William H. spent his early years at Rhinebeck. He studied under private tutors, completing with them his preliminary educational courses. He then became a student at the Riverview Academy at Poughkeepsie.

Throughout his adult years, Mr. Judson has been identified continuously with the First National Bank of Rhinebeck. This institution was first organized as a State Bank, in 1853, with Henry Delameter as president. He continued in the office until 1868, when he was succeeded by the second president, William B. Platt, who served until 1880. The third president was Edwin Hill, from 1880 to 1895. John D. Judson, father of William H. Judson, was president of the bank from 1895 to 1913. The fifth president, Philip P. Radcliffe held the office from 1913 to 1930. In the latter year, Mr. Judson, who continues as president at the present time, was elected to the office.

In addition to his association with the bank, Mr. Judson is treasurer of the Starr Institute. He served on several boards during the World War, and was captain of a home defense unit consisting of one hundred and twenty-five men. He is active in local affairs and is a member of social clubs at Rhinebeck.

In 1894, William H. Judson was married to Edith Drinwod, of Albany. They are communicants of the Episcopal Church here, and the parents of a daughter, Katherine A. She married James S. Escalante, and they have one child, Judson S.

J. HARRY JOHNSON, D. D. S.—One of Port Jervis's professional leaders is Dr. J. Harry Johnson, who has for many years practiced dentistry here, and who is at the same time active in a wide range of civic and social affairs in this district of New York State.

Dr. Johnson was born February 19, 1890, in Hainesville, New Jersey, son of John W. and Emma (Hornbeck) Johnson, of that place. His father was for years engaged in farming operations.

Port Jervis schools provided Dr. J. Harry Johnson's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1912 from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He also had two years of study at Columbia University, in New York City. Commencing his dental practice at Port Jervis in 1913, he has remained active in his profession since that time, as an ever-growing clientele has spread the news of his good work. In addition to his general practice, he does a great deal of oral surgery, and is one of the staff members at St. Francis Hospital, in Port Jervis, having charge of dental and oral surgical work there.

Quite aside from his professional undertakings, Dr. Johnson reveals constantly the deepest interest in community life, being a past president of the Port Jervis Rotary Club and a member of the Port Jervis Development Association. He has never sought political office

for himself, despite his profound interest in the community and his many-sided activity in clubs, fraternities and other organizations. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is a Past Master of his lodge. During the First World War he served on a number of boards and committees and did a great deal for the Allied cause. He is a member of the Reformed Church in Port Jervis.

In 1916 Dr. J. Harry Johnson married Leona Hornbeck, of New York State.

WILLIAM A. KAERCHER—Engaged independently in a general practice of law in Kingston, William A. Kaercher has made a substantial contribution to the professional life of this region of New York State.

Mr. Kaercher was born July 29, 1899, son of August J. and Amelia (Klein) Kaercher. His father, a native of Sayville, Long Island, was a butcher by occupation.

Public schools of Farmingdale, New York, provided William A. Kaercher's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies there he became a student at the New York Law School. After remaining there for a year, he transferred to the Brooklyn Law School, where he was graduated in 1921 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in 1925, Mr. Kaercher commenced the practice of his profession in Kingston, where he was at first associated with Judge James Jenkins. Later he was affiliated in law practice with Judge William D. Cunningham. For a brief period he was engaged in independent practice. Then, in 1932, he formed, with a partner, the law firm of Flanagan and Kaercher, which continued operations as such until 1942. Mr. Kaercher then resumed his own private general practice, in which he has continued down to the time of writing.

A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Kaercher is a member of the Ulster County Bar Association. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church. In spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing as his favorite hobbies.

On December 25, 1938, in Chester, New York, William A. Kaercher married Mabel E. Rumsey. They became the parents of two daughters, Janet Amelia, born November 24, 1940, and Carol Ann, born January 10, 1944.

CHRISTOPHER J. FLANAGAN—Carrying on a general practice of law in Kingston, Christopher J. Flanagan takes an important rôle in the professional affairs of this community and district.

Mr. Flanagan was born January 13, 1893, in Kingston, New York, son of Chris and Frances (Gaddis) Flanagan. His father was a native of Honesdale and long a prominent merchant.

Public schools of Kingston provided Christopher J. Flanagan's early formal education, and after finishing his studies in high school here he read law with the firm of Brinnier and Canfield. Admitted to the bar of this State in 1915, he immediately established offices in Kings-

ton, where he now carries on a general practice covering all phases and branches of his profession.

At the same time he takes a lively interest in community affairs. A staunch Democrat, Mr. Flanagan has rendered valuable public service, notably as corporation counsel of the city of Kingston and as attorney for the New York State Tax Commission. He is a member of the Ulster County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. In his religious faith a staunch Catholic, Mr. Flanagan belongs to St. Joseph's Church, in Kingston. In leisure time he enjoys outdoor life, particularly fishing and hunting.

In 1917, in Kingston, New York, Christopher J. Flanagan married Marie Galvin. They became the parents of two children: 1. John C., born in 1918, attended grammar and high schools in Kingston, graduated from Notre Dame University in 1940, had one year of law school study, and is now in the United States Army. 2. Michael, born in 1933, a student at the time of writing.

EDWARD T. CLARK—Edward T. Clark was born December 11, 1898, in Oneida, New York, son of S. Allen and Augusta (Thompson) Clark. He attended public schools and Columbia University, in New York City, taking the Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1921 and the degree of Master of Arts at Teachers' College, Columbia, in 1931. From 1921 onward he became increasingly active in business circles, serving from that year until 1924 as an officer of the Pearl Electric Company, of Newark. Then, until 1927, he was manager of the Household Utilities Corporation. He is owner of "Halcyon Farms" and founder of the Halcyon Farms School, of which he was head master, 1932-38. He is president of the board of directors of Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inc., and University of the Dance, originator of The International Petition, and treasurer of the American Fur Farms, Inc.

Among his other activities, Mr. Clark is president and a director of the Orange County Young Men's Christian Association. He belongs to the Columbia University Club, the University Club, the Orange County Golf and Country Club and the Protestant Episcopal Church. As recreational interests, Mr. Clark enjoys breeding and showing Welsh terriers, Irish wolfhounds and Jersey and Angus cattle. He enjoys the country, and does considerable riding and plays tennis. Travel is one of his favorite pastimes.

In New York City, May 8, 1921, Edward T. Clark married Catharine Westinghouse, daughter of Henry Herman Westinghouse and Clara (Saltmarsh) Westinghouse. Mr. and Mrs. Clark became the parents of a son, George Westinghouse Clark, born June 24, 1923.

JOHN LUFT—Goshen is the county seat of Orange County, New York, and Tuxedo is a well known town to Americans of several generations. There are



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few better examples of the manner of life in the New World, and how far one of foreign birth can advance in its affairs, than that of John Luft, mayor of Goshen and president of the National Bank of Tuxedo. He was born in Russia, December 1, 1889, son of George and Mary Luft, his father now living retired at the age of ninety-one years; his mother is long deceased.

John Luft was brought to the United States when only four years old and was educated in the schools of Goshen. He went to work at an early age in competition with other boys in the town, and learned that the virtues that were taught him in the copy-books of the school—diligence, honesty, courage, enterprise—had not yet been discarded, and that they paid if one did but exert them long and well. Starting in a humble position with a Goshen bank, he learned by study and plain hard work the elements of finance. This was the old National Bank of Orange County. In 1921 he was sought by the officials of the National Bank of Tuxedo and accepted the post of cashier. Only a few years later he was elected president of the institution, and upon his shoulders rested the responsibilities for the conservative operation of the bank through the depression period of the 1930s. It remains a stable institution, and much of the credit for this admirable condition must be accredited to John Luft.

Mr. Luft served in World War I, in 309 Machine Gun Battalion, 78th Division, and was overseas fourteen months. He was in service eighteen months, receiving his honorable discharge in June, 1919. He is a member of Tuxedo Post No. 293 of the American Legion.

He is president and a director of Tuxedo Stores, Inc., and financially interested in other enterprises and realty. As indicated, John Luft has the honor of being the elected mayor of Goshen, New York, an exceptionally able public official whose administration has been marked by progressive ideas and accomplishments. Mr. Luft is a member of the Orange County Bankers Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Goshen Lodge, No. 365, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, generous in the support of religious and charitable works.

At Goshen, New York, October 15, 1921, John Luft married Leslie Patterson, of Central Valley, New York, daughter of John A. Patterson and Sarah E. Taylor Patterson, and they are the parents of a son, John, Jr., born December 9, 1931.

SAMUEL STERN—High upon the rolls of the outstanding citizens of Kingston, Ulster County, is the name of Dr. Samuel Stern. For a full half century he has been identified with the optometric business that was founded by his father. This is one of the oldest firms in New York State to be established to serve the public with aids to eyesight. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to estimate the number of clients this firm has

helped. Exemplary citizenship has been one of the characteristics of Dr. Stern's long career, and he is exceptionally favorably known for his interest in the inmates of the penal institutions of the State of New York. Thousands owe their release to him, and few of these have shown his faith in their integrity to be mistaken.

Dr. Stern was born in Kingston, New York, in 1870, son of Samuel and Amelia (Diamond) Stern, both of whom are deceased. He attended the public schools of Rondout (the lower section of Kingston), and the old Ulster Academy which long since has given place to public improvements in the city. In 1892 he was graduated from the New York Institute of Optometry, which gave its graduates the distinction of being called doctors, whether or not this was State authorized.

Joining his father in that same year, 1892, Dr. Stern has for fifty-one years been an optometrist, associated with the same long established optical business in Kingston, one of the first to be initiated in New York State. Down through the years he has been financially interested in a number of enterprises, and, while he has retired from numerous official connections, remains president of the Home Seekers Savings & Loan Association of Kingston.

For many years Dr. Stern has given a great deal of his time and energies to humanitarian projects. Most notable is his endeavor in connection with prisoners in State penal institutions, feeling that many of them could be returned to civilian life, and his aid in efforts at rehabilitation. He is president of the Elmira Reformatory Board of Visitors. He constantly has found employment for prisoners who were about to be paroled, and it is a matter of personal pride that of these less than two percent. have been returned to penal institutions, a remarkable record, speaking well for his personal judgment of men and cases and his philanthropic activities.

Dr. Stern was never eligible to military service in either the First or Second World wars, but he was chairman of the draft board of Kingston during both conflicts. Fraternally he is a Mason of thirty-second degree, holding all the chairs in the higher bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also Past District Deputy of Greene and Ulster Masonic District. He is a member of the executive committee of the Boy Scouts of America in Ulster County, and is a generous supporter and member of "Boys' Town," the fine enterprise of Father Flanagan out West. Affiliated with Temple Emanuel, at Kingston, he is a trustee of the congregation and a former president of its board. A legion of friends and people in all walks of life hold Dr. Stern to be a "first citizen of Kingston," a gentleman to which the community owes a great debt of appreciation and gratitude. Dr. Stern's hobby is gardening and he has the finest garden in the city of Kingston, his home on President's Place being one of the show places of the city.

His brother, Dr. Alexander A. Stern, was one of the founders of the Kingston Hospital. He passed away in 1938.

THOMAS J. GADD—As vice-president and general manager of the Kingston City Transportation Company, Thomas J. Gadd makes a substantial contribution to the life of Kingston, its people and its institutions.

Mr. Gadd was born March 18, 1900, in Kingston, New York, son of George and Marcella (Urell) Gadd. His father, also a resident of Kingston, was a stonecutter by occupation.

Thomas J. Gadd received his first formal schooling in parochial schools, then was employed in different Kingston manufacturing plants prior to 1921. In that year he began his activities in the world of transportation, associating himself with the Kingston Consolidated Railroad Company. A railway consolidation was effected on December 11, 1911, and Mr. Gadd entered the organization in 1921. On February 4, 1926, the Kingston City Transportation Corporation was founded, with Fred T. Ley as president; George B. Te Bow, vice-president; and George Whittaker, now deceased, treasurer. The company owns thirteen modern buses, and operates within the city limits. It was the first and only bus line to operate wholly within the limits of the city of Kingston.

In addition to being vice-president and general manager of this company and having practically full charge of its operations, Mr. Gadd is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of local clubs. He belongs to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1923 Thomas J. Gadd married Vera Hendrickson, of Union City, New Jersey. They have one daughter, Marilyn, born May 22, 1934.

HAROLD F. KING—Kingston, Ulster County, is not widely publicized as a manufacturing or business center, although over a long period it has had a number of important concerns, and is fortunate in the number of its leaders. Harold F. King is one of its popular business men, who after being associated with his father in a well-known plant, turned his attention to the distribution of automobile accessories, and during the past two decades has built up a noteworthy firm and trade.

He, like his father, is a native of New Jersey, born April 27, 1884. His parents were A. R. King and his wife, the former Alice Nelson, born in the Province of New Brunswick, Canada. After attending local schools, Harold F. King entered the University of Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1906, a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering. He has grown up familiar with his father's plant, and being mechanically gifted, joined the older men in the tool and machinery factory in Kingston. This was one of the important factors in the manufacturing activities of the Ulster County metropolis, and it was continued until the death of A. R. King, in

1923. His son, convinced of the growing popularity of the automobile and its change from a pleasure vehicle to one of constantly increasing use for a wide variety of purposes, initiated his own enterprise in the sale of motor car and truck accessories. He organized The H. F. King Company, of which he is sole owner, and for the past twenty years has been the outstanding distributor of automotive accessories between New York City and Albany in the Hudson River Valley section. The headquarters of the company are at No. 721 Broadway, Kingston.

Mr. King is first vice-president of the Ulster County Bank. During World War I he was a first lieutenant in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army. His college fraternity is Phi Gamma Delta; his golf club the Twaalfskill. He is a member of the Columbia University Club, and a warden of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Kingston.

In 1914, Harold F. King married Dorothy Chipp. They are the parents of a daughter, Elinor H., a graduate of Vassar College; she married William K. Darling. Mrs. King is also a graduate of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

HERBERT A. WARDEN—At Newburgh, the position of mayor is held by an engineer, Herbert A. Warden, who has been noted here for four decades because of the efficient work done by his company in electrical contracting and installations, in public and private buildings. Election to the office of mayor of Newburgh in 1939 was not Mr. Warden's first introduction to civic service, for he has long been interested in the affairs of the community, and had been president of the Newburgh Board of Education. Well known throughout this district, Mayor Warden is a member of numerous business, civic and social organizations.

Mr. Warden was born on September 8, 1875, at Hanover, New Hampshire, son of Andrew H. and Louise (Flint) Warden. His father was a farmer and an organizer of the Hanover Creamery, in Hanover, New Hampshire, serving as president of that institution until his death. Herbert A. Warden grew up at Hanover, receiving in the public schools there his preparatory education. He then matriculated at Dartmouth College, graduating in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He worked as a clerk during the season at the New Orchard Beach Hotel, at Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

Then he accepted a position as draftsman with the Hyer-Sheehan Electric Motor Company, in Newburgh. During his association with this company, over a period of a year, he designed the models for motors now in use; at the time he left the company, he held the position of foreman of the shops. From 1898 to 1899, Mr. Warden studied electrical engineering in graduate courses at Cornell University, completing his work in the latter year. He returned to Newburgh, and, with his brother-in-law,



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Charles E. Hewitt, established the firm of Hewitt & Warden, electrical contractors. This association continued until 1902, when Mr. Warden bought out the Hewitt interest, and continued as sole owner of the business until 1943, when he retired, but the firm has continued under the same name. His firm has done the work for practically all of the public buildings in Newburgh and the adjoining cities, and is now in charge of electrical installations at the Hudson River Shipyards, Inc.

Mr. Warden is vice-president of the Newburgh Electrical Contractors League, president of the Hudson Valley Electrical Contractors Society, and vice-president of the New York State Electrical Contractors Association. He is a charter member and the treasurer of the Newburgh Rotary Club, and a former member of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce. His social affiliations include membership in the Newburgh Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Master in 1914, and in various rod and gun clubs. His favorite hobbies have been hunting and fishing.

Proud of the city of Newburgh, Mayor Warden has long been interested in its development. A Republican in politics, he has been interested in the local organization of that party, but has tended to emphasize the general advantage of the citizenry over any partisan advantage. He served as a member of the Newburgh Board of Education, and was president of that body. In 1939, he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of mayor of Newburgh, which he continues at the present time.

In 1900, at Newburgh, Herbert A. Warden married Ella F. Todd, who died in 1934. She was the daughter of Archibald Todd, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Warden were the parents of one daughter, Mary, who was born in 1901. A talented vocalist, she received her early education in the public schools at Newburgh, graduating as valedictorian of Newburgh High School, then attended Wellesley College. She married Archie Stewart, proprietor of the Broadway Garage, at Newburgh, who is now serving as a captain in the United States Army, stationed at Detroit. They are the parents of two children: 1. Mary, who graduated from Newburgh High School, holding the position of valedictorian, as had her mother. She is now a student at Swarthmore College. 2. Ann, who was born in 1930. With his family, Mayor Warden has been a communicant of Trinity and Grace Church, in which he has conducted classes.

PETER J. HALLORAN—In Kingston, Peter J. Halloran is extensively engaged in the real estate business, and he is at the same time active in financial affairs here and in civic and social life.

Mr. Halloran was born February 2, 1879, in Kingston, New York, son of Daniel and Julia T. (Hamilton) Halloran. His father was engaged in the plumbing and heating business.

St. Mary's Academy and the public schools of Kingston, his birthplace, provided Peter J. Halloran's early formal education, and he later attended Ulster Academy and the New York Trade School. He started his career in the plumbing and heating business in association with his father in Kingston, and served as plumbing inspector until 1931, when he became commissioner of public welfare. He established his real estate business in 1931, and still heads his own firm, while he also serves as a director, and chairman of the board of appraisers of the Homeseekers' Savings & Loan Association, of Kingston.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Halloran is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He is past commander of Colonial Camp, No. 75, United Spanish War Veterans, and president of Ulster County Real Estate Board.

On February 11, 1906, in Kingston, New York, Peter J. Halloran married Mary E. Hafer. They became the parents of the following children: 1. R. Miriam, who is a teacher in the Kingston public schools. 2. F. Daniel, a funeral director in Kingston; he married Agnes D. Moulton, and they became the parents of two children, Joyce Ann and Marilyn V. Halloran.

HOWARD D. MILLS—In general farming, dairying and poultry raising Howard D. Mills, of Scotchtown, has for many years figured prominently.

Mr. Mills was born on the Mills farm in Scotchtown, December 3, 1886, son of Jacob D. and Emma (Conning) Mills, of Orange County, New York. His father was a farmer, as was also his grandfather.

Representing the third generation of his family to carry on farming operations at this same site, Howard D. Mills has helped to perpetuate a farm property that has been in the Mills family since 1795. This farm, situated in the community of Scotchtown, near Middletown, in Orange County, consists of two hundred and thirty acres, one hundred and fifty of which are devoted to fruit cultivation and the remainder to general farming and poultry. Mr. Mills and his brother, Jacob D. Mills, conduct this farm as partners, maintaining one of the most up-to-date cold storage plants in this part of Orange County. Until April of 1945 they had owned a herd of about fifty-two cattle, all certified, but on this date they sold the herd, thus breaking a period of one hundred and seven continuous years of supplying milk for New York markets.

Both Howard D. Mills and his brother attended Orange County schools. Jacob D. Mills had five years with the National Guard. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. Howard D. Mills, in addition to his other activities, is a member of Bullville Grange and is a partner in the Mills Brothers Fruit & Cold Storage Company. He has served on the Scotchtown School Board. For twenty years he was a trustee of the Presbyterian Church here, and an elder for the past twenty years.

On August 7, 1925, Howard D. Mills married Mabel Scott, of Middletown, New York, daughter of Abraham Scott and Nina Decker Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Mills became the parents of the following children: 1. Howard D., Jr., born in 1926. 2. Virginia C., born in 1930. 3. Elizabeth Ann, born in 1932. 4. John E., born in 1934.

FRANK J. SCHWARTZ, M. D.—With the heritage of notable ancestors in Europe, Dr. Frank J. Schwartz was brought to the United States as a child and grew up to be one of the outstanding physicians and surgeons of Rockland County, New York. He likewise became a progressive citizen and humanitarian, and the father of children of whom he is deservedly proud.

He was born in Frumisicka, Roumania, April 5, 1886, son of A. David and Fruma (Schechter) Schwartz, both of whom are now deceased and were buried in Brooklyn, New York. A. David Schwartz came to the United States in 1890, settling in New York City, where he became an American citizen. He engaged in various business enterprises in Brooklyn up to the time of his death.

Brought to the United States at the age of four years, Frank J. Schwartz received his early education in the public schools of New York City, and was graduated from Clinton High School in 1901. During the following two years he attended City College and in 1903 matriculated at the Baltimore Medical School, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1907. He served an internship at the Yorkville (New York City) Hospital, now nonexistent, and during 1907-08 was with the Gouverneur Hospital and the German Polyclinic Hospital, both of New York City.

In 1908 Dr. Schwartz came to Spring Valley where he initiated a general practice of his profession, incidentally being the first Jewish physician to locate permanently in Rockland County. He is attending surgeon of Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, has been chief of staff of St. Agatha Hospital for thirty years; is chief of staff at the Harriman Farm School at Monsey, New York, and attending surgeon at Eymard Seminary, Suffern, New York. Keeping in close touch with colleagues, he expects to take the office of president of the Rockland County Medical Association. He is a member of the New York State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For the past eighteen years he has served as trustee of the village of Spring Valley, and he is at present acting mayor. He is fond of music and is prominent in humanitarian and civic projects.

In 1913, Frank J. Schwartz, M. D., married (first), at Brooklyn, New York, Lillian Greenstein, who died in 1918. They were the parents of two children: 1. Frances B., born in 1917, a graduate of the public and high schools of Spring Valley, and of the North Hudson

School for Nurses; she married Michael M. Silberg, D. D. S., of River Edge, New Jersey, and is the mother of a daughter, Linda Ann, born at the Suffern Hospital. 2. Norton, born in 1918, a graduate of the public and high schools of Spring Valley; of St. John's College in Washington, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science; for his Master's degree in Arts he matriculated at the University of Pittsburgh. In March, 1942, he enlisted for global war service in the United States Army, and is now a master sergeant, 303d Service Group Dale Mabry Air Base Area Command, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dr. Schwartz married (second), in 1919, at Paterson, New Jersey, Lillian G. Schiller, and they are the parents of the following children: 3. A. David, born in 1921, a graduate of the public and high schools of Spring Valley, and of the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Bachelor of Science; prior to enlisting in the United States Army Medical Corps, he had attended the University of Maryland Medical School. At present he is in the surgical division of Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. 4. Sidney, born in 1923, a graduate of local schools, and prior to his enlistment in 1942 in the United States Navy, had attended William and Mary College for two years. He is an ensign, United States Naval Reserve, and is now stationed at Philippine Islands. 5. Jean Miriam, born in 1926, a graduate of the grade and high school, class of 1943, Spring Valley; now enrolled at the University of Maryland.

AARON VAN DUZER WALLACE—High upon the roll of the honored dead of Goshen, Orange County, New York, is the name of Aaron Van Duzer Wallace, prominent business man and progressive citizen. He was born in the county seat, June 20, 1860; was educated in Goshen's common schools and the "Farmer's Hall Academy, which was located in Church Park where the Memorial Flag staff now stands." After a variety of commercial experiences he ultimately became identified with an insurance company founded ninety years ago, and of which he made a career until his passing in 1943.

The story of his life is so intertwined with a long established firm whose history is so interesting a part of the annals of Goshen and Orange County that we follow almost verbatim an earlier biographer. Back in 1853, one Silas Horton, farmer, started an insurance agency in the town. On April 9, 1860, when Civil War was upon the horizon of American affairs, he was appointed an agent of the Home Insurance Company. He sold shares in this corporation, some of which are still in the hands of the older families of the village. Later Eugene Horton, brother, joined Silas Horton and still later Margaret R. Horton, daughter, succeeded her father in the business, although upon her marriage she sold her interest to William E. Mapes and Charles L. Mead.

Turning to Aaron Van Duzer Wallace, it may be said of him that as a boy he was employed in the grocery store of Montgomery Vail, a business firm that still is continued under the ownership of Rupert N. Weyant. In July, 1881, Mr. Wallace secured a position in the factory of Milligan & Higgins Gelatine Company, at No. 222 Front Street, Manhattan, which firm continues today at the same address. In April, 1882, Mr. Wallace returned to Goshen and became a clerk in the Goshen office of the insurance agency of Neafie, Terwilliger & Post. The Ellenville office of this agency has passed into the third generation and until 1945 was owned by Bert Terwilliger, now deceased. The last named partner was the late Charles H. Post, for many years United States manager of the Caledonian Insurance Company, and father-in-law of Cecil F. Shallcross of the North British & Mercantile Insurance Company. In 1885 Mr. Wallace resigned from the agency and bought the grocery business of Montgomery Vail. On June 1, 1888, he sold the business to Henry B. Seely, who in turn sold it to Rupert N. Weyant, its present owner. June 1, 1888, Mr. Wallace acquired the interests of Messrs. Horton and Mead, and the agency became Mapes & Wallace. April 1, 1889, he bought out Mr. Mapes and continued the agency under his own name. The five leading insurance companies in the agency at that time have continued—The Aetna Insurance Company, the Home Insurance Company, and National Liberty Insurance Company (formerly the Germania), Commercial Union Assurance Company, The Continental Insurance Company. The business of the agency has reached into all parts of the county, and has insured many properties of more than passing interest. When the late Mr. Hornby began to manufacture oatmeal in the nearby hamlet of Craigsville, Mr. Wallace recalls that he was the first assured who ever paid him as much as \$200 per year. That was in the early days of the business before H-O became a nationally known trade mark. His son, Augustus C. Wallace joined the agency in 1913 after being graduated from Williams College and was made a member of the firm on January 1, 1929, and upon the demise of his father became head and owner.

Besides making his the leading local agency in Orange County outside of Middletown and Newburgh, Aaron Van Duzer Wallace had been an active leader in the life of the community, a trustee and elder of the Presbyterian Church, member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Goshen Club, of the Cataract Engine and Hose Company, of the Village Improvement Society, of the Goshen Board of Trade, of the board of education, of the Orange County Society in New York, president of the Orange County Association of Local Insurance Agents, local fuel administrator during World War I, supervisor for Goshen for two terms, and president of the Goshen Savings Bank and vice-president of the Goshen National Bank.

On October 3, 1889, Aaron Van Duzer Wallace married Katherine Cuddeback, daughter of Lewis Cuddeback, of Cuddebackville, county clerk of Orange County.

The death of Mr. Wallace occurred on May 25, 1943. He had always enjoyed good health and the news of his passing came as a shock and source of sincere sorrow to a legion of friends and associates. Said one biographer:

With little time for vacations and hobbies he found his greatest satisfaction in hard work, providing for his family, and in a little known and never ending succession of generous and kindly benefactions for his fellowmen. No man ever carried the Parable of the Good Samaritan into his every day life more genuinely than he. He carried on to the end as he always had, regular in business, with a quick step, and erect carriage, a keen eye and a kindly smile which were the wonder and admiration of all who knew him well.

AUGUSTUS C. WALLACE—With one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the insurance and real estate companies in Orange County, Augustus C. Wallace has been identified since his graduation from college thirty years ago. In this enterprise he was associated with his father, whom he more recently succeeded as head. A brief outline of the story of this historic concern of Goshen, New York, can be found in the biography of the older man, Aaron Van Duzer Wallace. Both father and son have played noteworthy parts in the development of the county seat and Orange County, not alone as progressive business men but as leaders in local life—civic, organizational and religious.

Mr. Wallace was born in Goshen, Orange County, New York, October 7, 1890, son of Aaron Van Duzer Wallace (*q. v.*) and his wife Katherine Cuddeback, daughter of Lewis Cuddeback, of Cuddebackville, New York, former county clerk of Orange County. His father, also a native of Goshen, born June 20, 1860, lived to May 25, 1943, one of the outstanding citizens of the place where he spent the far greater number of his years.

Augustus C. Wallace prepared for higher education in the grade and high schools of Goshen, and entered Williams College, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1913, a Bachelor of Arts. That same year he joined his father in the long established insurance and real estate business. He already had gained some experience while at study, during vacations, and was advancing rapidly in his vocation when the United States became involved in World War I, and he enlisted for military service on April 9, 1917. He won the rank of second lieutenant in the 310th Regiment, Infantry, and as such was with the American Expeditionary Forces, in France, being wounded in action on October 15, 1918, at the battle of the Argonne. Not until July 26, 1919, was he honorably mustered out of the United States Army, and returned to Goshen to resume his connection with A. V. D. Wallace and Augustus C. Wallace, insurance and realty. In 1929, he was admitted to full partnership in the

parent firm, and since the death of his father in 1943, he has been the head and sole owner of a business that was founded in 1853, and has been in the hands of the Wallace family since 1888.

In public affairs, Augustus C. Wallace is well known for his abilities as an organizer and readiness to cooperate both in the forming and continued support of worth-while projects and organizations. He is a charter member and first president of the Orange County Realty Board; charter member and first president of the Goshen Rotary Club; charter member and first commander of the Goshen Post of the American Legion, a record in itself. Likewise Mr. Wallace is a former president of the Orange County Association of Insurance Agents; president of the New York State Association of Insurance Agents; past president of the Goshen Board of Trade; former president and now a trustee of the Goshen Library Board; past president of the Goshen Young Men's Christian Association, and present chairman of the board of governors of the Orange County Camp of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Past Master of the local lodge. He attends the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

On July 14, 1928, at Goshen, New York, Augustus C. Wallace married Foster Stark, of Oneida, New York, and they are the parents of two children: Richard Van Duzer, born October 14, 1929; Mary Katharine, born April 21, 1932.

HARRY V. WELCH—When more than two decades ago, Harry V. Welch settled in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, he already was broadly experienced in accounting and finance. After various connections he became associated with the Poughkeepsie Trust Company, of which he has been trust officer for a number of years. He is a native of Chicago, Illinois, born February 14, 1889, son of David J. and Alice (Cunningham) Welch, his father being an advertising executive at Sycamore, Illinois.

Harry V. Welch acquired his academic education in the public and high schools of Chicago, Boston, and New York City, and in Fordham University, in the latter-named city. He began his business career as an accountant in New York City, going from there to Detroit, Michigan, and ultimately accepted appointment as controller with a department of General Motors, Inc. He came to Poughkeepsie in 1922, and, as indicated, has been trust officer of the Poughkeepsie Trust Company. He is a Republican in politics. His religious affiliations are with St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, at Hyde Park, New York.

In 1910, at New York City, Harry V. Welch married Martha Knapp, daughter of Alexander Knapp, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Jane Elizabeth, born in 1912, married Ronold B. Plain, of Poughkeepsie, and

is the mother of one daughter, Judith Ann. 2. Harry V. Welch, Jr., born in 1914, a member of the air corps, United States Army. 3. Charles D. Welch, born in 1916, a lieutenant of Infantry, United States Army.

CHESTER A. LYONS—In business and civic affairs Chester A. Lyons has performed a highly important and valuable work in Ulster County. As county treasurer, he has his offices in the courthouse at Kingston, while he maintains his residence in Shokan.

Mr. Lyons has born June 5, 1895, in Olive, Ulster County, New York, son of Francis and Gertrude (Em-bree) Lyons, of this same county. His father was for years a farmer here.

Chester A. Lyons attended public schools in his native community, and was reared on his father's farm. When the time came for him to enter upon his own independent career, he opened a general store in Crumville. Conducting that establishment for some years, he eventually sold it and removed to Shokan, here building a modern and completely equipped garage and becoming agent for the Chevrolet products, both cars and accessories. This garage was destroyed by fire in 1939. Mr. Lyons then opened a general store, which he still operates successfully.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Lyons has concerned himself many years with public affairs. During the administration of President Warren G. Harding, he was appointed postmaster of Crumville. In 1926 he became a county supervisor, representing his home community in that position until 1932. His election as treasurer of Ulster County came in 1940. He succeeded Vanderlyn Pine in the treasurership. It has been a custom in this county that the county treasurer never succeeds himself in office; otherwise Mr. Lyons would unquestionably be reelected unanimously, in the view of many people of the county, so well satisfied are all with his excellent régime.

He is also active in a number of social and civic organizations. Formerly he was a member of the Kingston Club, although he has now resigned from this connection. He is a member of the Grange, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Council of Royal and Select Masters. He is a Protestant in his religious faith.

In 1920 Chester A. Lyons married Dorothy M. Davis, of Ulster County, New York. They became the parents of seven children: 1. Marie, wife of Wayne Murdock. 2. Gertrude. 3. Margaret. 4. Chester A., Jr. 5. Audrey. 6. Faye. 7. Janet.

EDWIN B. SHUMATE—Although a recent addition to the business and civic circles of Kingston, Edwin B. Shumate brought to the Ulster County metropolis excep-

tional abilities and experience that have made him welcome. Educated in the public schools and the University of Chicago, he is of the generation that went immediately into World War I military service from college. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force before he became identified with the automobile field, and since has spent the most of two decades with prominent automobile manufacturers.

Mr. Shumate comes originally from Iowa, where he was born on December 8, 1899, son of Frank D. and Cora (Brown) Shumate, both natives of Ohio, his father being a mining engineer. Their son, with whom this sketch is concerned, completed his formal education in the University of Chicago and enlisted in the United States Air Corps. Upon returning to civilian life, Edwin B. Shumate engaged in the automobile business in New York City, convinced by his war experience of the tremendous future of the automotive industry. He was with the Warren-Nash Motors Corporation until 1924, and then engaged in business for himself in Westchester County, New York, for seven years. Later he disposed of this enterprise and rejoined the Warren-Nash Motors organization, and was its sales manager from 1935 to 1938. In the latter-named year, he was made vice-president of the factory branch of the Nash-Kelvinator Corporation, remaining until 1941, when he became associated with The Electrol Company, as procurement and purchasing agent. In 1942, Edwin B. Shumate came with the business firm to Kingston, it having been removed from its New Jersey headquarters. He is president of the Apollo Magneto Company, sales manager and assistant secretary of The Electrol Company, a director of the Warren Service Corporation and a director of the New York Automobile Dealers Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Kingston Kiwanis Club, and Stone Ridge Grange.

In 1923, Edwin B. Shumate married Elizabeth C. Chapin, of Syracuse, New York, and they have a son, Robert C., born June 16, 1924, now in the army air corps.

LEWIS SHELDON GILLESPIE—In Orange and Ulster counties, Lewis Sheldon Gillespie is a most popular and widely-known man. He was identified over a long period, as was his father, with one of the oldest industries in this part of Southeastern New York, the manufacture of knives. Then for a decade he engaged in the carpentry business, and for the past seventeen years has been the successful proprietor of the Busy Bee Cafe, which has a reputation that is favorably known far beyond the bounds of Ellenville, Ulster County, New York. Mr. Gillespie was born in Walden, Orange County, New York, February 9, 1885, son of John and Edith (Reny) Gillespie, his father being a manufacturer of knives, a substantial citizen, staunch Republican, a many-year Forester, and devout member of the Metho-

dist Episcopal Church. His son was educated in the grammar and high schools of Walden, and from boyhood was familiar with the processes of making cutlery in his father's plant. He followed for many years in the footsteps of the elder man in manufacturing, but in 1916 branched out in carpentry and in 1926 purchased the Busy Bee Cafe and Bar in Ellenville, which he has since operated as one of his main business interests. Everybody knows him and his place, and few there are who do not hold him in respect and admiration.

He is a trustee of the town board of Ellenville, has served as both constable and sheriff of Wawarsing, Ulster County, and is an influential figure in local politics as a Democrat. He belongs to the Pioneer Engine Company, No. 1, and the Kimball Hose Company. Mr. Gillespie played with the Walden Drum Corps as a drummer for fifteen years and also with the Ellenville band, and loves the traditions of the former of these organizations. Fraternally Mr. Gillespie is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose, of Kingston, New York, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Middletown, this State. He is a member of the Ulster Fish and Game Society, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is active in religious and humanitarian projects and works in both Walden and Ellenville.

At Ellenville, New York, in 1920, Lewis Sheldon Gillespie married Anna Williams.

THOMAS J. CONMY—For many years, dating back almost to the beginning of the century, Thomas J. Conmy has been a leader in Port Jervis affairs. In the early thirties he had a particularly active rôle in community affairs in his capacity as mayor, introducing many needed improvements in municipal life, and he later became postmaster, so serving down to the time of writing.

Mr. Conmy was born June 5, 1877, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, son of John and Belinda (Foley) Conmy, of County Sligo, Ireland. His father was a contractor and builder.

Public schools of Scranton, his birthplace, furnished Thomas J. Conmy's early formal education, and he attended high school there and went to St. John's Academy, in that city. He took up railroad construction work as his first industrial undertaking, and for some years continued along those lines. He came to Port Jervis in 1903, and was engaged in the lumbering business here for about a quarter of a century, working in the woods and forests where the wood is actually cut out of the world of nature. As time went on, he not only performed ever more valuable service in the lumber industry, but interested himself more and more in community affairs.

Long an active Democrat, he was a delegate to the National Convention in 1932, at Chicago. He was elected mayor for 1930 and 1931, and during his régime he put into operation in Port Jervis many innovations making for the city's progress. Among these was a new incinerat-

ing plant. He also led in introducing many miles of new paving, a new Gamble fire system that saved thousands of dollars to taxpayers, and a new city park. Many other improvements mark his service as Port Jervis' mayor. Since 1930 he has been a member of the park board of the city of Port Jervis. He took his present position as postmaster in 1935, when he was so appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He has continued in this place down to the time of writing, and has done much for improvement of the postal arrangements in this district. He remains a leader in Democratic affairs in Orange County and past chairman of the county organization.

Among his other activities, Mr. Conmy is prominent in civic affairs. He is a member of the visiting committee of the Middletown State Hospital, a past president of the local Rotary Club in Port Jervis, and a member of the Port Jervis Development Association. He served three terms as State director of the National Association of Postmasters, New York State Chapter; and has been Federal Coördinator of the city of Port Jervis, from 1941 to date, and chairman of the Sixth War Loan Drive of the city of Port Jervis. During the First World War, Mr. Conmy was active in all the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, and he is at the time of writing chairman of the war bond campaigns in Port Jervis in the Second World War. Since 1932 he has been chairman of the Red Cross drive in the towns of Deerpark and Greenville, and since its inception twelve years ago has been chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis of the city of Port Jervis and towns of Deerpark and Greenville. Those who know his work particularly well credit him with perhaps doing more for Port Jervis than any other one man active in civic affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 645. He belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

April 10, 1910, Thomas J. Conmy married Jennie C. Crosier, of Port Jervis, New York, daughter of Bert Crosier and Lucy (McConn) Crosier. Their daughter, Phyllis Conmy, became the wife of Edward Kennery, formerly of Port Jervis, but now serving in the quartermaster department of the United States Army Air Corps. Mrs. Kennery was a graduate of the College of Mt. St. Vincent and is now teaching in Port Jervis High School.

OSCAR D. AYRES—As postmaster of Central Valley, Oscar D. Ayres occupied a position of leadership and high standing in the life of this community and district. He came to this place out of a fine background in the business world, and was widely known for his many-sided contribution to the postal system, as well as to community life.

Mr. Ayres was born July 13, 1873, in Ulster County, New York, son of Andrew J. and Elizabeth (Trap-

hagen) Ayres. His father was a farmer, and both parents were widely known in Ulster County.

Public schools of Ulster County provided Oscar D. Ayres' early formal education. He came in 1894 to Central Valley, one of those New York State communities which have a large influx of people, averaging around three thousand, in the summer months of each year. Here he at once took his place as a leader in local life, establishing himself in a painting and interior decorating business. For thirty-five years he was so engaged, making a notable contribution to the life of the community and district and earning the warm admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens in all walks of life.

For many years Mr. Ayres was profoundly interested in public affairs in Central Valley and this region of the State. He was made postmaster in 1933 by appointment from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and down to July, 1943, he held this position. He died January 8, 1945. On several occasions he represented the town as a committeeman, having been a member of the election board for twenty-seven years and its chairman for fourteen years. During the World War of 1914-18 he served on a number of boards and committees. He was a Protestant in his religious faith. In Central Valley and vicinity Mr. Ayres was recognized as a political power. He owned considerable real estate and had a host of friends.

On January 9, 1894, Oscar D. Ayres married Anita B. Atwater, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Anita A., who became the wife of Gustave Heeren and has one son, Gustave, now serving in World War II. 2. Herbert B., who married Rita Mitchell, and has two sons, H. Marvin, now serving in World War II, and Jack Mitchell. 3. Marvin W., who married Elizabeth Sharp, and has one daughter, Suanne.

SAMUEL SLOAN DURYEE—Attorney-at-law Samuel Sloan Duryee, member of the New York City law firm of Spence, Hotchkiss, Parker and Duryee, is well known in the professional circles of the metropolis and in the Hudson River Valley section of the State where he makes his home. His preparation for his career was interrupted by military service, as a captain in the First World War, so that he did not become a graduate in the law until 1923, since which time he has been engaged in active practice. His personal interests are exceptionally wide—the director of corporations and a bank, the trustee of several humanitarian organizations, and a member of numerous clubs and societies.

Mr. Duryee is a native of New York City, born November 18, 1893, son of the Rev. Joseph Rankin Duryee, and his wife, the former Margaret Sloan. His father was a clergyman of note and a trustee of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Samuel Sloan Duryee prepared for education in the Groton School, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1913. Matricu-

lating at Yale University, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, class of 1917. He had been a lieutenant in the 10th Field Artillery, National Guard of Connecticut, prior to the entrance of the United States into the First World War, and in 1917 entered the armed forces of his country. As captain, in command of Battery A, 302d Field Artillery, he was in service from 1917 to 1919, and was overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, participating in the Woevre Offensive of November, 1918.

Upon returning to civilian life, Captain Duryee worked for a year with the Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation and then entered the Fordham University Law School, New York City. He was graduated a Bachelor of Laws, in 1923. As indicated, he has since practiced law in New York City. Mr. Duryee is a member of the directorates of the Zurich Insurance Company, the Ardenia Corporation, and the City Bank Farmers Trust Company. He is a trustee of St. John's Guild and the New York Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled. His chief professional connection is with the Bar Association of the City of New York. Noteworthy ancestry is indicated by his membership in the Holland Society, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the American Legion. Numbered among his clubs are the Century, Racquet and Tennis, the Yale and Downtown, all in New York City. He plays golf as a member of the Highlands Country Club of Garrison, New York. He is a vestryman of St. Philip's Church, at Garrison.

On August 18, 1917, at Great Chebeague Island, Maine, Samuel Sloan Duryee married Mary Ballard, daughter of Ellis Ames and Nina (Schewfel) Ballard. Mr. and Mrs. Duryee are the parents of two children: 1. Samuel Sloan, Jr., born July 7, 1918, a graduate of Hobart College. 2. Nina, born February 23, 1922, a graduate of Smith College.

AUSTIN M. GEORGE—Operating the Austin M. George & Son Bakery, in Middletown, Austin M. George conducts what is recognized as the largest and most substantial retail bakery in this community.

Mr. George was born in 1889 in Binghamton, New York, son of Austin and Kathryn (Allen) George, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a produce gardener in Binghamton.

Public schools there provided Austin M. George's early formal education, and afterward he had a special business course with the International Correspondence School. In 1913 he entered the employ of the Spaulding Bakery, in Binghamton, and he was associated with their Middletown branch. For a number of years, up to 1937, he was manager of this branch. Then, in 1937, he established his own business, the Austin M. George & Son Bakery, in this city, and it is now the largest establishment of its kind here.

In addition to his work with this bakery, Mr. George is a member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. He is an active member of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Middletown.

In 1907, in Binghamton, New York, Austin M. George married Lulu Ann Horton. They became the parents of a son, Judson H. George, who became associated with his father in the conduct of the Austin M. George & Son Bakery, in Middletown, and so continues today. He married, in 1934, Helen Knox, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Nancy, born in 1935. 2. Phyllis, born in 1936. 3. James, born in 1939.

HON. JOSEPH MERRITT—Not by a formal vote but by general acclamation by his colleagues, the Hon. Joseph Merritt is the dean of the bar of Orange County. He has engaged in the practice of the law for sixty-eight years, six decades of this period in Goshen, New York. All of his long life has been identified with Southeastern New York. By right of formal judicial service and popular custom, he is called Judge Merritt.

He was born at Mount Kisco, New York, on December 17, 1855, son of George W. and Abigail (Rowland) Merritt. His memories go back to a Civil War childhood and the aftermath of that event when times were hard and education difficult to obtain. He overcame some of the obstacles of that time and was a student in the common schools, and Monticello Academy and received private instruction. Although prevented from going to college during the normal period for such training, he became broadly educated, always continuing to be a student of books and life and of affairs.

Judge Merritt read law while spending three years in the county clerk's office in Sullivan County; and three years of study with Judge Arthur C. Butts, at Monticello, New York. Admitted to the bar at Binghamton, New York, on May 20, 1877, he initiated a practice of his profession in association with Judge Butts, his preceptor, in Monticello, in May, 1877. The law firm was Butts and Merritt until June, 1885, when Judge Merritt removed to Goshen, county seat of Orange County, where he joined in partnership with the Hon. Henry Bacon, to engage in a general practice as Bacon and Merritt. This connection was broken in January, 1909, and until 1917 he practiced individually. In the latter-named year he had the very great pleasure of having his son, Henry B. Merritt, admitted to the bar and join with him to make the firm of Merritt and Merritt, attorneys in Goshen, to the present writing in 1945.

Down through the years Judge Merritt has witnessed many events and movements in the progress of his town and county and country, but never as an idle spectator. He was too young or too old to serve in the several wars in which the nation engaged during his lifetime, yet never failed to do his share in keeping up the home front. From 1879 to 1882, he was special county judge

and surrogate in Sullivan County. He was long a member of the Orange County Bar Association, and served as its president in 1928. Judge Merritt was president of the village of Montecillo, New York, in 1884; county treasurer of Orange County, 1892; has been president of the Goshen National Bank since 1914, attorney for and a member of the board of trustees of the Goshen Savings Bank since 1917, and a director of the National Bank of Orange County, of Goshen, for the past twenty years. He has been attorney of the town of Goshen, since 1909. He was president of the board of education, Union Free School District, for three decades; and over a long period was president of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, and a member of high standing. He was affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, and belonged to the Goshen Social and Athletic Association.

In 1887, the Hon. Joseph Merritt married Mary T. Cuddeback, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Lewis C., born in 1888. 2. Henry Bacon (*q. v.*)

HENRY BACON MERRITT—Lawyer and son of a lawyer, Henry Bacon Merritt has been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1917, at Goshen, New York. Like his father before him, he has added new lustre to the tradition of his family for constructive public and community service, and is active in local organizational affairs. Almost from his admission to the bar he has been called upon to render judicial services of the shire town and the county of Orange. There are few phases of life in which he is not keenly interested.

Henry Bacon Merritt was born in Goshen, New York, June 19, 1894, son of the eminent member of the bench and bar, Joseph Merritt, and his wife, the former Mary Thompson Cuddeback. After attending the public schools of his birthplace, the Salisbury School, at Salisbury, Connecticut, he was graduated from the Goshen High School, and is also a graduate from Union University—Albany Law School. On June 19, 1917, he was admitted to the bar of the State of New York, and in that same year became associated with his father, Joseph Merritt, in the practice of law at Goshen, county seat of Orange County.

His abilities were early drafted by the electorate, and Henry Bacon Merritt served as justice of the peace, town of Goshen, from 1918 to 1923; has been police justice, village of Goshen, since 1919; and was special county judge, Orange County, 1923 to 1941. In the latter named year he became a member of the board of education of Central School District No. 1, which includes the town of Goshen and other neighboring communities.

Mr. Merritt had hardly begun his legal career when the United States became involved in the First World War, and he served, during the conflict, with the United States Navy, later becoming a charter member of the Goshen Post of the American Legion. He likewise is a member and judge advocate of the Orange County

American Legion group. He was one of the incorporators of the Orange County Bar Association, which he serves as treasurer, and is a member of the New York State Bar Association. Fraternally Mr. Merritt is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; a member of the Rotary Club and the Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association, the old and revered Cataract Engine and Hose Company of Goshen; former president and treasurer of the Goshen Social and Athletic Association; former president, now director of the Orange County Young Men's Christian Association; and a trustee of the Slate Hill Cemetery Association. He attends the First Presbyterian Church, of Goshen, which he served at one time as president of the board of trustees.

On March 29, 1941, Henry Bacon Merritt married Clara Alice Cuddeback, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (McCombs) Cuddeback. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are the parents of two sons, Henry Cuddeback, born December 18, 1942, and Joseph David, born September 15, 1944.

JAMES ELIAS SHERWOOD, D. V. M.—For many years active in Suffern's professional and civic life, Dr. James Elias Sherwood is one of this community's leading veterinary doctors.

Dr. Sherwood was born September 4, 1898, in Suffern, Rockland County, New York, son of the late James Elias and Etta (Snider) Sherwood. His father, also a native of Suffern, born on the old Haverstraw Road, Sherwoodville, was for years active in business and civic life. He was active in insurance work, and also served as superintendent of the County Welfare Home at Viola for three years. He was a Democrat in politics and a close friend of Judge Arthur Tompkins, editor of the "History of Rockland County," published many years ago.

Public schools of Suffern provided Dr. James Elias Sherwood's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1918 from Suffern High School. He then matriculated at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, and in 1923 was graduated from Cornell University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. While at Cornell he also received the Hollingsworth Honorarium for Research. Taking up the practice of veterinary surgery in Suffern in 1923, Dr. Sherwood has since continued this important work down to the time of writing. He is widely recognized as a veterinarian in this region of Rockland County, and in the wider professional circle is respected and honored. He was the first president of the Rockland County Veterinary Medical Society, and is a member also of the Hudson Valley Veterinary Medical Society, the New York State Veterinary Medical Society and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Entirely aside from his work in the professional realm, Dr. Sherwood is active in civic and social affairs. He has followed in his father's footsteps in many of his activities, and has taken the initiative in still others. He leads in Boy Scout efforts in this region of the State,



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belonging to Ramapo Council, and also takes part in Girl Scout leadership. He is vice-president of the Central School Board of Suffern. He is a member of the veterinary fraternity of Alpha Psi and of the social fraternity of Phi Kappa Psi. He was the second president of the Rotary Club, and never missed a meeting in eighteen years. Another of his deep interests is the work of the Rockland County Farm Bureau. Dr. Sherwood is a Methodist. Fishing and hunting and outdoor life comprise his favorite forms of recreation.

Dr. James E. Sherwood married, August 20, 1925, at New City, New York, Anna Louise Scott, a native of Schenectady, New York, daughter of John D. and Marion (Clemons) Scott. Mrs. Sherwood attended Cornell University, and was graduated from St. Lawrence University with academic honors and Phi Beta Kappa distinction. She is also a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

GILBERT M. BANKER—Superintendent of schools of Rockland County, Gilbert M. Banker has been active in the field of education in Southeastern New York for more than two decades, or more than half of his lifetime. He came to his present post with a varied and comprehensive experience, both as an instructor and as an administrator of school affairs, and has proved himself a skilled executive and leader in Rockland County.

Mr. Banker was born at Grand Gorge, Delaware County, New York, November 27, 1902, son of Adolphus and Letitia (Rose) Banker, his ancestral background being Scottish on the paternal side, and English on the maternal. The Banker representative came from Edinburgh, in 1806 and settled in Coeymans, New York, although ultimately removing to Delaware County. In pre-Revolutionary times, the first of this Rose family came from England to New York, and were colonists of the region around Kingston, Ulster County. Haines Falls was named after the family of Mr. Banker's mother's mother, Mary M. Haines. Grandfather Rose was an outstanding townsman of Pine Hill, Ulster County, where the Rose family has been long established.

Gilbert M. Banker attended the grammar school at Pine Hill, and the Griffin-Fleischmanns High School, Fleischmanns, Delaware County, from which he was graduated in 1920. Like many another educator, Mr. Banker has acquired much of his higher education during the period that he was teaching and supervising schools. He had a year of postgraduate work at the Oneonta (New York) Normal College, and pursued summer courses in the New York University School of Education, Washington Square, New York City, where he earned both the Bachelor of Science degree and the Master degree in Arts. While working for his Bachelor degree he majored in English and minored in secondary school administration and supervision. For his Master of Arts degree he majored in supervision and adminis-

tration of public schools, taking courses designed for school superintendents.

As already indicated, Mr. Banker acquired his higher education while he was educating others. In the autumn of 1921 he initiated his career as a teacher of a one-room rural school in the town of Andes, Delaware County, with a temporary teacher's permit. He quickly earned a rural school certificate and during the following three years he taught in District No. 20, Andes at Union Grove, New York. In 1927, he went to District No. 15, town of Ramapo, Rockland County, the Hillburn Union School, where for five years he instructed the higher grades, was the director of all athletics, and fulfilled many other duties.

In 1932, Gilbert M. Banker became principal of the Hillburn Schools of which he had supervisory and administrative charge. In 1933 he took the New York State examinations for a district superintendent's license, and in 1936 elections was made district superintendent of the second supervisory district of Delaware County. He had sixty-nine teachers and sixteen hundred pupils under his supervision. His endeavors in this connection were carried on during a period of change in rural educational affairs. Consolidation of districts was much to the fore, involving many new problems for the district superintendent to solve, and greatly adding to the experience of one who could solve them. Into the multifarious details of his professional activities we cannot go because of their number. During his three years incumbency he was involved in the building of three large schools, an average of one a year, and he directed the formation of new central districts at Downsville, Roscoe, Callicoon, Livingston Manor and Margaretville.

Since 1939, Mr. Banker has been superintendent of schools of Rockland County, with headquarters in the courthouse at New City. He has initiated and put into effective execution many progressive policies. He has established high curricular standards and constantly has striven to broaden the range and scope of the Rockland schools, service to students and the body politic. It is worthy of more than passing note that his Master's thesis at New York University, was entitled "A Plan for the Reorganization of the Rockland County Schools," which was somewhat prophetic in nature.

As an educator Mr. Banker has been keenly interested in making good citizens of those who come under his teaching and administration. As a man among men, he is an excellent exemplar of this philosophy. In every community with which he has been identified, he has entered heartily into a wide variety of civic, professional and social life. In Hillburn he was for nine years a Sunday School teacher, and continued this in the Hancock Presbyterian Church, and latterly in Suffern, where the family has its home. In Pine Hill he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America; in Andes, was scoutmaster; and in Hancock, helped organize a most suc-

cessful scout troop. For years he was the secretary of the Rockland County Farm Bureau Federation and later continued this interest in the Delaware County Group.

Other associations include three years as chairman of the Rockland County Extension Board, member of the Delaware County Board, since 1936, serving also as State Federation delegate for the 4-H Club organization. During four years he served as one of the judges of school exhibits and 4-H work at the Delaware County Fair Association. In 1936 he became secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and later president of the Tri-County Association of District Superintendents, and now is a member of its State executive committee. For more than two decades Mr. Banker has been a member of the New York State Teachers Association, and delegate from his district upon a number of occasions. For an almost equal period he has been a member of the National Education Association, and has served officially and as a member of the State and National Association of Elementary School Principals; participated in the Tenth Annual Junior High School Conference, at New York University; and has contributed numerous articles to yearbooks of the Department of Elementary School Principals of the National Education Association, and to educational and scientific publications. His national honorary educational fraternity is Phi Delta Kappa, Rho Chapter of New York University. He is a former president of the Rockland Teachers' Association and the Rockland County Schoolmasters' Club.

To a large extent the aforesaid list of memberships and offices is largely educational or allied to education. Mr. Banker has not confined his interests to professional lines for he has served as Royal Patron, Martha Cordner Court, Order of the Amaranth, Suffern, New York, Patron of Chehocton Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Hancock, New York and of Ramapo Chapter, Suffern, New York. At various times he has been secretary of the Hillburn Men's Club, a non-sectarian, non-political community group; chairman of the Suffern District of the Rockland County Council of Religious Education; educational director of the Suffern District of the Rockland County Council of Religious Education; and in 1934, 1935 and 1937 camp director for the summer camp of the same group at Breakneck Pond in Bear Mountain Park and at Hunter Lake in Sullivan County. Mr. Banker was a member of the Hancock Rotary Club and at present is a member and officer of the Nyack Rotary Club. He is Master of Ramapo Lodge at Suffern, and was formerly a member and officer of Hancock Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. A lover of sports, he has been a registered baseball official, a charter member of the Rockland County District Board of Approved Basketball Officials, and three times was chairman of the Rockland County Grammar School Baseball League. A skilled musician, he was organist and choir director of the Suffern Methodist Church.

On October 12, 1928, Gilbert M. Banker married, at Lake Delaware, Delhi, New York, Mary Gladstone, daughter of Edward and Margaret (Thomson) Gladstone, of Andes, New York. Mrs. Banker is a graduate of Delaware Academy, Delhi, New York, and of Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie; she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Banker are the parents of four children: 1. Robert A., born at Yonkers, New York, April 9, 1930. 2. Gilbert S., born at Tuxedo, September 12, 1931. 3. Richard E., born at Tuxedo, November 27, 1939. 4. Margaret L., born at Tuxedo, October 30, 1943.

JUDGE WILLIAM E. MIELE—The abilities of Judge William E. Miele and his well-known readiness to coöperate in civic affairs, have been called upon frequently for public services of his native town of Suffern and Rockland County. He was born in Suffern, July 14, 1900, son of Pasquale and Maria T. (Stoppielo) Miele. The mother is living at the fine age of fourscore years. The father, who died in 1927, was born in Italy and came to the United States in general and Mahwah, New Jersey, in particular, in 1879. Subsequently he made his home in Suffern and over a long period was superintendent of the great Havemeyer Estate, at Mahwah.

William E. Miele attended Rockland County grade schools, was graduated from the Suffern High School, studied at Dwight Preparatory School, New York City, entered Fordham University, and was graduated from its law department with the class of 1925, a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar on July 13, 1926, he immediately engaged in a general practice of the law in Suffern, and has so continued to the present time. From 1926 to 1928, he was associated with Morton Lexon, and from 1928 has been a member of the law firm of Maxfield and Miele.

Judge Miele is attorney for the Suffern National Bank & Trust Company, and for the Suffern Savings & Loan Association. Since 1938 he has been police justice of Suffern and is acting police justice of the village of Sloatsburg. Professional memberships include those in the Rockland County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Despite the exacting demands of his practice and official positions, he constantly has made time to enter heartily into numerous local projects and organizations. This is particularly true of the town of Ramapo, as a whole. Judge Miele became a member of the Suffern Zoning Board of Appeals, and did much excellent work in this connection. He was one of the charter members of the Rockland County Voluntary Aid Society; is a member of the Advisory Draft Board, town of Ramapo, and is a committeeman of the Republican party, town of Ramapo. For twenty years he has been judge advocate of the Knights of Columbus, and he is a popular mem-

ber of the Rotary Club. His religious affiliations are with the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

In January, 1927, William E. Miele married, at Sloatsburg, New York, Edith D'Avanzo, of this place, daughter of Louis and Mary (Arond) D'Avanzo. Mr. and Mrs. Miele are the parents of three children: William E., Jr., born at Suffern, November 16, 1929. 2. Marilyn, born March 16, 1931. 3. Elaine, born at Suffern, February 12, 1936.

EDGAR V. FRIEND, D. D. S.—The graduation of Edgar V. Friend from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, in 1917, preceded only by months his connection with the United States Army for World War I service. He won the rank of first lieutenant, at Camp Meade, Maryland, and upon receiving his honorable discharge from the military forces of our country, initiated a practice of dentistry in Middletown, New York.

He was born in this important Orange County city February 3, 1896, son of Frederick N. and Virginia (L'Hommedieu) Friend, his father also being a dentist in Middletown. As indicated, Edgar V. Friend completed his technical education in the University of Pennsylvania, and holds the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He has found his birth city affords him ample opportunity for the practice of his profession, and is a pleasant place to live and coöperate with other citizens in the furtherance of the best interests of the municipality. He is a member of the New York State Dental Association, the Ninth District Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and No. 1097, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On July 22, 1922, at Middletown, New York, Edgar V. Friend, D. D. S., married Ruth Cowley, and they are the parents of two children: Julia Ann, born in 1926, and Edgar V., Jr., born in 1930.

FRANK C. DECKER—For three decades Frank C. Decker has been identified with business in Middletown, Orange County. His connection with the Demerest Department Store has been continuous over this period and for some years he has been secretary and treasurer of this company. At the same time his contributions to the progress of the community and the welfare of its people have been constructive and valuable. He is well known to hundreds in this area of Orange County and has a legion of friends.

He was born at Medina, New York, June 28, 1882, son of John T. and Martha (Peck) Decker, his father being a farmer of that section of the State. After graduating from the grade and high schools of Middletown, Frank C. Decker became connected with merchandising in various capacities. In 1913 he went with the Demerest Company Department Store, in Middletown, with which he

has since been associated, for many years holding the responsible posts of secretary and treasurer of this firm.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Walkill Council No. 92, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and is a member of the chamber of commerce. He belongs to the North Congregational Church, is a member of the board of trustees and since 1934 has served as clerk of this board. Mr. Decker's work holds his principal interest, although he also enjoys the radio and the contacts it gives with affairs and entertainment of today.

On August 15, 1906, at Middletown, New York, Frank C. Decker married Minnie Brown, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Ruth, born July 14, 1908, who married Kenneth Van Curan, a florist; they have two children, Joyce and Charles. 2. Marion, born in 1911, a registered nurse; she married George Reeder, and they have one son, George, Jr. 3. Charles, born July 26, 1914, a graduate of Fredonia Normal School, and Columbia University, with the degree of Master of Arts; now professor of music, at Eden, New York. He married Isabell McDivitt.

GEORGE J. SKINNER—The entire career of George J. Skinner has been connected with merchandising in Orange County, New York. Soon after leaving school he was variously employed in this retail business, later becoming associated with the Demerest Department Store in Middletown, New York. In 1917 he was made a member of the firm, with the posts of secretary and treasurer, and since 1935 he has been vice-president of the company.

Mr. Skinner was born February 7, 1882, at Waverly, New York, son of Nelson and Mary (Carey) Skinner. He was a member of the National Guard of New York for three years, being retired as sergeant in the medical corps. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which latter order he is a Past Exalted Ruler. Mr. Skinner is a popular member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past president. He attends the Methodist Church.

At Middletown, New York, on June 28, 1905, George J. Skinner married Edna Smith of Middletown, daughter of Ezra Smith and Mary (Thornton) Smith, and they have one daughter, Dorothy M., born here, a graduate of Middletown High School, also of Albany Business College. Since 1928 she has been connected with the New York Power & Light Company, but on February 22, 1943, she became a member of the (WAC) Women's Auxiliary Corps of the United States Army, and has since attained the rank of technical sergeant. She is now located at the United States Army General Hospital, medical detachment, Camp Butner, in North Carolina.

EDWARD H. REMMERT—It has been said of Edward H. Remmert that his business career extends from Wall Street, New York City, to Wall Street, Kings-

ton, Ulster County, where he has been for some years president of the National Ulster County Bank, and a well known figure in the financial, civic and club circles of Southeastern New York.

He was born on Long Island, New York, in 1898, son of Henry J. and Lillian (Weiner) Remmert, both of whom are now deceased. Over a long period, Henry J. Remmert was a construction engineer in New York City and environs. The son of this record was educated in the grammar and high schools of Long Island, and the College of the City of New York. After leaving college he became identified with brokerage on Wall Street, in the great American metropolis; later for a short while was connected with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; and, in 1933, removed to Kingston, to accept the position of executive vice-president of the National Ulster County Bank, of this city. Elected president in 1938, he has since given leadership and progressive service to this institution, and personally is the financial adviser of a great many clients of his bank.

Mr. Remmert is likewise associated with various companies as a director of the Apollo Magneto, of Kingston, and of Electrol, Inc., and is president of the Ulster County Bankers Association. He is a trustee and the treasurer of the Kingston Hospital, and chairman of the finance committee of the Salvation Army. Memberships in the Kingston Club, the Wiltwyck Country Club, and the Twaalfskill Golf Club, indicate his favorite game and recreation. He attends the First Reformed Church.

In 1923, at New York City, Edward H. Remmert married Florence E. Kiefer, and they are the parents of two children: Ora Lee and Nancy Remmert.

HENRY C. deRHAM—For more than a half century the name deRahm has been favorably known in Putnam County, where the family estate has been handed down from generation to generation. Each in his turn has been an exemplary citizen and leader in public life. Henry C. deRahm is the present occupant of the original homestead. He was born in New York City, February 2, 1882, son of Charles and Emily (Foster) deRham, both of whom are deceased and lie buried at Philipstown, New York. Henry C. deRham attended the Browning School, New York City, and was graduated from St. Mark's School, Southboro, Massachusetts, in the class of 1900. Matriculating at Harvard University, he was graduated there in 1904. He then became connected in New York City with the banking and brokerage business, with which he was associated until 1914. In the latter year he moved to Cold Spring, Putnam County, to operate an estate and farm which had originally belonged to his great-grandfather, Henry C. deRham. This estate, comprising three hundred and ninety acres, has always remained in the deRham family.

Henry C. deRham takes a constructive part in community affairs. He is a trustee and chairman of the

board of Union Free School of Garrison, and is vice-chairman of the Hendrick Hudson Council, Boy Scouts of America. His favorite club is the Harvard of New York City, and he attends St. Philip's Church in the Highlands, at Garrison, where he serves as a junior warden.

Mr. deRham is married and the father of two sons: Henry Longfellow, born at Phillipston, Massachusetts; and Richard Dana, born at Cambridge. There are also five grandchildren.

WILLIAM J. McCABE—For a half century Michael McCabe and his son, William J. McCabe, have been identified with the "Rockland County Times," one of the oldest newspapers in this section of New York State. Both became connected with this publication as young men, and both have contributed actively to the growth and welfare of Haverstraw and its environs.

William J. McCabe was born at Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, October 27, 1908, son of Michael and Sarah C. (Dolan) McCabe, both of whom are now deceased. His mother died May 29, 1941, his father July 8, 1940, and both lie buried in the Haverstraw cemetery. The son of this record attended the grade schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the Haverstraw High School in 1925. Matriculating at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class graduated in 1929.

On January 19, 1930, Mr. McCabe became associated with the "Rockland County Times," of Haverstraw, of which his father was the editor from 1893 to his death in 1940. This journal was established in 1889 by Thomas Heatley. Since the death of the older man, William J. McCabe has been in sole charge of this publication. He is a former president of the Rotary Club and attends St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

At Passaic, New Jersey, August 27, 1938, William J. McCabe married Regina C. Kelly, daughter of John F. and Cecelia I. (Hurley) Kelly of this city. Mrs. McCabe is a graduate of St. Elizabeth's College, Convent, New Jersey, class of 1934. She takes an active interest in women's activities in Haverstraw, and has been president of the 19th Century Club of Haverstraw. Mr. and Mrs. McCabe are the parents of three children: 1. John Michael, born in Passaic, New Jersey, May 19, 1940. 2. Virginia, also born in Passaic, April 13, 1942. 3. William, born in Suffern, New York, April 26, 1945.

ALEXANDER S. BURNS, Jr.—History is made not only in government but in such fields as floriculture, in which Alexander S. Burns, Jr., of Spring Valley, Rockland County, wrote a page. As indicated in a biographical sketch of his son, Herbert A. Burns, in this volume, the elder man was known as the "Lily King" to growers of this queen of flowers all over the country. It should be added that Alexander S. Burns, Jr., was the son of a floriculturist and the second of three genera-



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tions in the United States who have contributed to the beautification of American gardens and landscapes.

Alexander S. Burns, Jr., born March 22, 1875, was a native of New York City, the son of Alexander S. Burns. He acquired his academic education in Woodside and Flushing, Long Island, New York, where his father was engaged in the business of supplying select flowers for the New York City market. Both before and after student activities, the son was associated with the elder man, and for a time took charge of the father's greenhouses at Woodside. On February 1, 1890, he built his own greenhouses in Spring Valley, and so long ago as 1902 he had some 176,000 square feet of glass in his establishment, four acres producing flowers for the trade. Although lilies are usually associated with his name, he grew even more carnations of superior varieties that went down to New York City, in the main, and won him repute and financial recompense. He built a fine home in Spring Valley, and coöperated heartily and well with the movements and organizations that work for the growth and betterment of the place and its people. He was happy when his son, Herbert A. Burns (*q. v.*), Princeton University graduate, joined him in the Spring Valley enterprise.

On February 2, 1902, Alexander S. Burns, Jr., married Ann Elizabeth Clough, a native of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Burns became the parents of a son: Herbert A., born February 26, 1910, who continues the business established by his father. Alexander S. Burns, Jr., died September 5, 1938.

HERBERT A. BURNS—Since the turn of the century the name Burns has been identified prominently with specialized floriculture in southeastern New York. Alexander S. Burns, born in New York City, March 22, 1875, rose to be known as the "Lily King" to growers of this queen of flowers all over the country and abroad. Herbert A. Burns, son, has for the past decade carried on the tradition and reputation of the older man, although he is better known for his work with the rose. The family greenhouses have been located at Spring Valley, Rockland County, since 1900, and have contributed to the fame and prosperity of this community.

Herbert A. Burns was born in Spring Valley, February 26, 1910, son of Alexander S. and Ann Elizabeth (Clough) Burns, natives of New York State. As indicated, Alexander S. Burns came to Spring Valley at the close of the past century and inaugurated the enterprise with which he became so widely known. The son attended the public schools of Spring Valley, prepared for college at Lawrenceville Academy, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and matriculated at Princeton University, from which he was graduated a Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1934. Returning to his birthplace he became associated with his father in floriculture and since the death of the older man has been the director of its products. He

maintains a certain primacy of the lily among his output, cutting fifty thousand per day and over two million of the waxen white flowers per year, but more and more has specialized in the breeding, growing of plants, and the distribution of roses. While these two species are outstanding in his work, he grows and sells an exceedingly wide variety of other perennial ornamentals, and renders exceptional services to a widespread and varied clientele.

Herbert A. Burns is a director of the First National Bank of Spring Valley, and is a member of the local Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstane Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of Spring Valley. At the present writing he is a member of the United States Army, Signal Corps Reserves, and is now serving in the Philippines. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. For recreation he enjoys golf.

On September 1, 1936, at Orange, New Jersey, Herbert A. Burns married Nancy Elise Cable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Cable. Mrs. Burns is a graduate of Miss Beard's School, of Orange, and is a member of the Garden Club of Spring Valley.

HARRY HALVERSON—Harry Halverson is a member of the firm of Teller & Halverson, architects, of Kingston, New York. He was born December 23, 1891, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Louis and Aldena (Olson) Halverson. His parents were both of Norwegian birth and ancestry. The father was a building contractor.

After graduating from the old Kingston Academy, Harry Halverson became a student in the department of architecture, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, where he was graduated in 1917. In 1925 he entered into a partnership with Myron S. Teller under the firm name of Teller & Halverson. This firm since then has designed and supervised the construction of schools, other public buildings and country houses in Kingston and Ulster County. Among the best known public buildings are the Myron J. Michael School, Kingston, New Paltz High School, New Paltz, New York; Ulster County Tuberculosis Hospital, Kingston, City Laboratory, Kingston, Saugerties Municipal Building, Saugerties, New York.

At this writing he has been commissioned to plan a new elementary school to be built on the former Sahler Sanatorium property in Kingston, New York, two buildings at the Middletown, New York, State Hospital and a county office building to be erected on Main Street, in Kingston, New York.

Mr. Halverson is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha college fraternity, the New York State Association of Architects, Kingston Mendelssohn Club, Kingston Kiwanis Club of which he is past president, a director of the Homeseekers Savings & Loan Association, Kingston, and for many years has been a member of the executive board of the Ulster-Greene Council, Boy Scouts.

During World War I he served in the armed forces as a member of the engineers corps and is a member of

Kingston Post, American Legion. His church affiliation is the First Dutch Church of Kingston, which he has served as warden.

In 1927, Mr. Halverson married Marian E. Doran of Middletown, New York. They are the parents of a daughter, Nancy E. Halverson, born October 2, 1928.

SAMUEL DEUEL—Few men can with greater right look back over a busy life with the assurance that it has been worth while and of service to others than Samuel Deuel, who has been called "the First Citizen of Pine Plains," northern Dutchess County, New York. The term is not used in the sense that he was one of the first settlers of this place, for it is relatively old. But he is a member of one of its long established families, and has lived his entire life in this section to which he has been exceptionally generous of his means and services.

Mr. Deuel was born in Pine Plains, October 9, 1873, son of Phoenix N. and Amelia C. (Covey) Deuel. His father, a farmer, died in 1904. His mother, a native of St. Lawrence County, New York, lived to 1939. Upon completing his formal education in Seymour Smith Academy, at Pine Plains, Samuel Deuel soon went into the hay, grain and feed business, for he had the sound judgment and foresight that made him realize that in the handling of agricultural products there was a steadier and more certain way of making a livelihood.

The passing years have wrought many changes in the development of this splendid section of Dutchess County, and with them all he has progressed and adjusted his ventures to these changes. In 1910, he purchased the business of A. L. Schultz. In 1912 he acquired the Barton Lumber Company. In 1916 he purchased the long established business of F. R. Bouton, which he has continued to date. Today Samuel Deuel is the sole owner of a truly "big" business in hay, grain, feed, lumber, coal and building supplies, and plumbing and heating, serving a wide territory and employing above ten men to handle this trade. Mr. Deuel is a member of the National Hay Association, New York State Hay Association, National Grain Association and Eastern Federation of Feed Merchants. Mr. Deuel, while not a real estate broker, is a large dealer in real estate and has bought and sold more properties in this section than any other one dealer.

Mr. Deuel is a director of the Stissing National Bank of Pine Plains, and holds a similar post with the Evergreen Cemetery Association. For thirty years he was a member of the board of education, one of the keenest promoters of better educational facilities. He long will be remembered for his efforts toward the building of the Pine Plains Central School, which was the first Central school built in Dutchess County, and which has proved an asset not only to the town of Pine Plains but to the adjoining communities. There are few, if any, civic and charitable movements and organizations with which Mr. Deuel is not identified vigorously. During the First

World War he was very much to the fore in the Liberty and other loan drives, efforts to secure funds for the Red Cross and other humanitarian agencies. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Stissing Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He attends the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

In 1897, Samuel Deuel married Nellie S. Dusingberre, of Viola, New York, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Eleanor V., a graduate of Vassar College; she married Allen Pearce, and is the mother of two children: Margaret D. and Richard A. 2. Margaret C., who died in 1908, aged four years. 3. Newton D., a graduate of Cornell University; attended Albany Law School for two years, prior to enlisting in the United States Army, where he holds the rank of technical sergeant. October 24, 1944, he (Newton D.) married Natalie C. Barton of Ancramdale, New York.

JOHN V. KILBY—As a dealer in insurance and real estate, John Van Etten Kilby occupies a prominent position in the community of Nyack. He is a partner here in the corporation known as James Kilby, Inc.

Mr. Kilby was born April 30, 1898, in Nyack, New York, son of the late James and Edith Margaret (Van Etten) Kilby. His father was born in Michigan, but was educated in Brooklyn, New York, where his family later took up their residence. After coming to Nyack, the elder Mr. Kilby became active in the business and civic life of this community and county. He started the insurance and real estate firm that his son now heads, and at one time was mayor of Nyack. He also served as Nyack's postmaster and as clerk of the surrogate court at New City, for Rockland County. He was chairman of the county Republican organization.

John Van Etten Kilby attended Nyack public schools, and was graduated from Nyack High School. In 1916 he was graduated from Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts, then attended and graduated from Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1920. Serving an apprenticeship in the insurance business in New York City, he also spent two years in safety engineering work. It was in 1921 that he associated himself with his father, the late James Kilby, who passed away in 1938. The father had established the insurance and real estate business referred to above, in Nyack, about 1900, and the business was incorporated in 1921. Later James Kilby, Inc., absorbed the Blauvelt & Morrell Agency. In 1922 John V. Kilby entered the Kilby firm as a partner. Today he is its president, the other officers being Walter Lake, vice-president, and Henry Lake, secretary-treasurer.

John Van Etten Kilby is a member of the Society of Residential Appraisers, and is connected with a number of Nyack organizations, including the Lions Club, the Nyack Republican Club and the Hole in One Club. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 310 of the American Legion,



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the Suburban Association of New York, the United States Power Squadron and the Mazeppa Fire and Engine Company. During the World War of 1914-18 he was a sergeant in the United States Infantry. At the time of writing he is a captain in the Army Transportation Service, World War II. Mr. Kilby enjoys outdoor life, including sports in general, and particularly golf and fishing.

In New York City, June 16, 1927, John Van Etten Kilby married Ellen Marie Cosgrove, who was born in New York City, daughter of Warner and Mary E. (Higgins) Cosgrove. Mrs. Kilby is active in Nyack affairs, being a member of the Nyack Garden Club, the Women's Civic League, the American Red Cross and the Nyack Hospital auxiliary organization. Mr. and Mrs. Kilby became the parents of two children: 1. E. Barbara, born April 8, 1928, attended Nyack High School graduating June 25, 1945, and in September will enter Plattsburg Teachers College. 2. Jay, who was born December 22, 1929, in New York City.

EDWARD L. RICHARD—Down through the years of a colorful career, Edward L. Richard of West Nyack, Rockland County, has been identified with several widely distinctive occupations. As a youth he learned something about sculpture; in the First World War he served in the United States Army, and in the Second World War he served in the United States Navy; for a number of years he has been prominent in the automobile business. At all times he has been keenly and constructively interested in community life and the promotion of the best interests of his home place.

Mr. Richard was born in New York City, April 1, 1898, son of the late Louis Richard, a sculptor of international reputation, and June (Peron) Richard, the mother being a native of Des Moines, Iowa. When the family went abroad, the son, of this record, continued his education mainly in the schools of Tours, France, and is a graduate of the Rabelais College, at Tours. He was in the United States when our country entered World War I, and enlisted in the United States Army in 1917, being assigned to the ordnance department, where he continued until after the Armistice.

Prior to his war service, Edward L. Richard had, from 1913 to 1915, been associated with his father, the well-known sculptor of previous reference. This was in New York City. In 1915 he entered the employ of the Alexander Faure Automobile Tire Company, in the American metropolis.

As mentioned, Mr. Richard served during the First World War. Upon resuming civilian activities, he was with the above-named company, remaining for a number of years. He then went with the General Motors Corporation, and filled most capably executive positions until 1940, when he resigned to join the Packard Motor Car Company, again as an executive. When the United

States became involved in a second world war, Mr. Richard joined the United States Coast Guard, and served with the rank of chief boatswain's mate until 1943, when he was given his honorable discharge. Since that time, he has been the owner and operator of Empire Farms, Inc., a dairy project, at Chester, Orange County, New York. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church.

On January 15, 1920, at New City, Rockland County, New York, Edward L. Richard married Helen Millar of Indiana, daughter of Leslie and Elizabeth (Copher) Millar. Mr. and Mrs. Richard are the parents of the following children: 1. Edward L., Jr., born on July 19, 1924, at the Richard homestead in West Nyack. After graduating from the grade and high schools of Nyack, he enlisted for World War II in the United States Coast Guard. 2. Robert, also born on the Richard homestead, July 21, 1927. After graduation from the grade and high schools of Nyack, he enlisted for service in World War II, and is now serving with the rank of ensign, United States Navy, overseas. 3. Kenneth, born in Nyack, May 27, 1939.

HENRY H. FARNUM—As executive vice-president of the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association, Henry H. Farnum is able to make an outstanding contribution to the business and financial life of Port Jervis.

Mr. Farnum was born February 1, 1904, in Port Jervis, New York, son of H. H. and Ruth (Smith) Farnum and member of an old and noted family. His father, long a resident of Port Jervis, was active in the insurance business until his death in 1931. The mother died in 1942.

Public schools provided Henry H. Farnum's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies he was employed by the National Bank & Trust Company of Port Jervis. Remaining with that institution until 1932, Mr. Farnum associated himself in that year with the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association, whose bookkeeper he became. Later he became assistant secretary of the association, succeeding William K. Lain eventually as secretary-treasurer. At the time of writing he is executive vice-president, substantially aiding the organization to attain certain goals that it has set for itself and contributing always to the well-being of the Port Jervis community through the association's work.

It was on August 10, 1891, that the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association had its beginning. Nine enterprising men met on that day and formed it, electing Jacob May president by acclamation on the same day. Thomas H. Branch was the first secretary. On the following night, at a subscribers' meeting, a board of directors was named. Those attending the August 10 meeting were, in addition to Messrs. May and Branch, W. H. Crane, Benjamin Ryall, A. F. Werdenberg, W. E.

McCormick, Theodore Ludlum, Dr. E. B. Lambert and Hiram De Witt. At the end of five months, assets were listed at \$7,573.51. This figure mounted in the ensuing year to \$30,773.15. The corresponding figure for the time of writing is \$3,500,000 or more. Shareholders have always realized a profit on their investment. Mr. May continued as president for two years, being succeeded in 1893 by W. E. McCormick. E. M. Gordon was elected president in 1895; Theodore Ludlum, 1897; Charles T. Branch, 1898; Charles Benedict, 1899; Charles T. Branch, 1900; A. T. Porter, 1906; C. I. Terwilliger, 1920; F. N. Mason, 1929; and G. S. De Witt, 1931. The first secretary, Thomas Branch, served from 1891 to 1907, then was succeeded by E. A. Brown, who served until 1918. W. K. Lain was elected secretary in that year, and he was, in turn, succeeded by Mr. Farnum, as secretary-treasurer, in 1941.

Few associations, even though much younger than the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association, can boast having on their present boards one elected to the original boards of directors and who has served continuously as a director throughout the intervening period. Charles I. Terwilliger, the president between 1920 and 1929, was a director who so served, and who continues down to the present as a member of the board. Until 1923 the association occupied rooms in Pike Street. The quarters gradually became inadequate, with the result that the Westbrook property in Sussex Street was purchased in that year and a new building, designed by Fred Marvin, was reared in 1924 and 1925. Work was completed on the building on September 15, 1925, and the association occupied these quarters. Further improvements, mainly in the form of theft-proofing and bandit-barrier construction, were inaugurated in 1936, and an automatic vault ventilator was installed. On September 5, 1940, a merger of the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association with the Orange County Building & Loan Association was effected. The Port Jervis association continues today in a position of leadership in its field, and it may be justly proud of having lent home owners and business men many millions of dollars in the years of its services to the Port Jervis community. Many fine homes in this area owe their existence, in effect, to the financial help that this association has been able to advance, and many individuals have built up substantial savings share accounts that have paid them ample dividends through prosperous and difficult times.

Mr. Farnum's rôle in the upbuilding of this institution and the enhancement of its services has been an important one. Aside from his work as executive vice-president of the association, he is active generally in community affairs. He is a past president of the Port Jervis Rotary Club and a member and an active worker in other local clubs and organizations, and he is also a Past Master of Port Jervis Lodge, No. 328, Free and Accepted

Masons. He belongs to the Deer Park Reformed Church and is a member of its consistory.

On December 7, 1932, Henry H. Farnum married Pauline A. Quick, of Barryville, New York, daughter of Ami G. and Anna Brown Quick.

WALTER L. FLEISHER, M. S., M. E.—Only by adoption can Rockland County claim Walter L. Fleisher as one of its notable citizens and professional men. A widely known engineer and head of his own company, inventor, and a specialist in the field of refrigeration and air conditioning, editor, author and speaker on technical subjects, with offices in New York City, he is one of the number of people who appreciate the charm of Rockland County in particular and of the New City section, where he has a residence and source of recreation at Saw Mill Farm, Saw Mill Road, which continues to keep one of those plain old names that is an interesting reminder of the past.

Mr. Fleisher was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1880, son of Simon and Rosa Fleisher. He prepared for higher education and a career in varied schools, and entered the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, where he was graduated with the class of 1900, a Bachelor of Science; remaining with his *alma mater*, he earned his Master's degree in Science a year later. In 1931 he received his degree in Mechanical Engineering.

From 1901 to 1903, Mr. Fleisher was associated with Francis Brothers & Jellet, of Philadelphia. He then was in charge of their New York office until 1911. In the latter-named year he established W. L. Fleisher & Company, of which he was president and chief engineer until 1925. He then went with the Cooling and Air Conditioning Corporation, serving as its vice-president from 1925 to 1930. From 1932 he has been president of the Air and Refrigeration Corporation.

In his field of endeavor Mr. Fleisher is the inventor of a number of devices and improvements, such as the Fleisher Bypass Method, the Capillary Conditioner and others. He knows how to convey his ideas by the written and the spoken word, and has contributed many articles and papers read before technical societies. He is favorably known as editor-in-chief of the "Guide," American Society Heating and Ventilating Engineers, 1933-34; contributing editor of the "Heating, Piping, and Air Conditioning Magazine," and co-editor of the "Handbook" of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers. He long has been a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, Research Council, which he serves as president; and the American Society of Bakery Engineers. He likewise is an honorary member of the Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association. His favorite club is the Town Hall, of New York City.

Walter L. Fleisher married Marcia Garrick, and they are the parents of the two children: Walter L., Jr.; and Anna (Fleisher) Shore.

ALAN JOHN MAGED, M. D.—One of the best evidences of the charm of Suffern, Rockland County, is the hold it retains upon its native sons, such as Dr. Alan John Maged, who, after most adequate professional preparation and experience, returned there to establish himself as a pediatrician. Within the past decade his repute in his specialty has grown far beyond the bounds of the community and neighboring counties in New York and New Jersey. So far as professional duties permit he has engaged in local life and projects, an exemplary citizen and humanitarian.

Born February 12, 1901, at Suffern, Rockland County, New York, Dr. Maged is the son of David and Eva (Smith) Maged, his father a merchant in Suffern. After his preliminary education in grade schools and graduation from Suffern High School in 1918, Alan John Maged entered Columbia University, New York City, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1922. For his professional training he matriculated at the University of Maryland, receiving in 1928 the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Maged served as an interne in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey, St. Mary's Hospital for Children, New York City, and the Willard Parker Hospital, also in the metropolis.

In 1932, Dr. Maged initiated a practice of his profession as pediatrician at Suffern, where he has acquired a large clientele. He serves on the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, is staff consultant of the Reconstruction Hospital, at Haverstraw, is school physician for Five Point House, Pomona, and for the Suffern schools. Dr. Maged is a member of the pediatric staff of Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. He keeps in touch with colleagues and methods in his profession as a member of the Rockland County Medical Society, of which he is an executive and member of the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Ramapo Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His favorite recreation is the game of golf.

On July 9, 1933, in New York City, Alan John Maged, M. D., married Gertrude Goldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goldstein of Nyack, and they are the parents of two daughters, Eve R., born June 6, 1937, at Suffern, and Judith Ellen, born July 4, 1945, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern.

ALBERT S. GODDARD—As a young man, Horace Walter Goddard came from England to Nyack and practiced his vocation, that of a flour miller, in this section of Rockland County, New York. He married Amanda Hammerquist, and they were the parents of a son, Albert S. Goddard, of this record, one of the out-

standing business men of Nyack. He was born October 12, 1887, and was educated in the grade and high schools of his birthplace.

Albert S. Goddard began earning his own livelihood as a youth of sixteen years, when he started an apprenticeship with Allen Henry of Nyack. He learned all the varied phases of plumbing, steam fitting, heating and the like, and was both thoroughly trained in his vocation and well experienced before 1915 when he established himself in business. At the present writing his enterprise is the oldest, in point of service, among the contracting plumbing and heating firms in the town, and possibly in the county. Over a thirty-year period, headquarters have been at No. 27 North Broadway, Nyack, and there is nothing in its field that the Albert S. Goddard concern cannot do or supply within the limitations of global war priorities.

With community progress and welfare, Mr. Goddard is actively identified, and he is a popular figure in such local organizations as the Lions Club of Nyack, the Nyack Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is generous in the support of religious and humanitarian projects. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports, but he likes especially the association with his fellowmen, whether in business or pleasurable interests.

In 1912, at Nyack, New York, Albert S. Goddard married Frances Havlik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Havlik, of Rockland Lake, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Goddard are the parents of two daughters: Frances and Doris, both born in Nyack, graduates of Nyack High School, and Duke University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Frances Goddard also has the degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University Teachers College and now is an instructor in the Hudson, New York, High School. Doris Goddard is engaged in secretarial work in the Medical Center, New York City.

MURRAY STOLZER, M. D.—Dr. Stolzer was born in the Bronx, New York City, January 21, 1910, son of Jacob and Sarah (Africk) Stolzer, the former a native of Vienna, Austria-Hungary, who came to the United States as a child of six years, and the latter a native of New York. Jacob Stolzer is a designer and pattern-maker in the women's dress manufacturing industry. The son of this record began his elementary education in metropolitan schools, and was graduated from the Brooklyn Boys' High School, in 1927. Matriculating at the College of the City of New York, he was graduated with the class of 1931, a Bachelor of Science. For his technical training he went to the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Stolzer was an interne in the Medical Center, Jersey City, New Jersey, the Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut, and was resident physician at the Nyack Hospital, before engaging in a general practice of his profession in Nyack. Dr. Stolzer serves on the staff of the Nyack Hospital, and is a member of the Rockland County Medical Society. His favorite recreations are reading, study and sports in general.

At Nyack, New York, May 30, 1941, Murray Stolzer, M. D., married Dorothy C. Connor, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connor of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Stolzer have one son, William Anthony, born at Nyack, June 22, 1942.

AUGUST H. TEMPLE—It is with a broad background of business experience that August H. Temple has come to his present post as Suffern's mayor.

Mr. Temple was born December 16, 1879, in Friesland, Holland, son of Harry A. and Anna (Vanderwall) Temple, both of whom are now deceased, their remains lying at rest in Little Falls, New Jersey. The father, Harry A. Temple, was a dairyman and farmer.

August H. Temple was twelve years old when he came with his parents to the New World, settling with them in Little Falls. He attended public schools in Holland and, briefly, in the land of his adoption, then began the active labors of his career at an early age. In 1896 he served an apprenticeship as a dyer's helper in Little Falls, being associated there with Jackson's Mill. After mastering the dyeing trade in all its details, he was a dyer until 1921. In that period he worked his way upward through a personal experience of the many processes involved in the dyeing operation, and became a "boss dyer." From Jackson's Mill, in Little Falls, he went next to Ramsey, then came to Suffern. From 1913 to 1933 he conducted a dairy business in Suffern, then retired from his active endeavors. Deciding later in the same year, however, that retirement was not the life for him, Mr. Temple entered the gasoline distribution business, acting as agent for the Texaco Company in the Rockland County area. He continued in this work down to the time of writing.

Down to the present, too, Mr. Temple has been five times elected mayor of Suffern. He was first elected to this responsible office in 1935, then was reelected in 1937, 1939, 1941 and 1943. Before assuming his duties as chief executive of this community, he was for twelve years, from 1923 to 1935, a trustee of the village of Suffern. He has participated in the introduction of many needed reforms in community life, and as mayor his policies have been forward-looking and progressive.

While Mr. Temple has concerned himself extensively with business and public affairs in Suffern, he has at the same time become active in many organizations here. He has memberships in the Rotary Club of Suffern and other civic groups, and is a past chief of the fire department. Fraternally he is affiliated with Ramapo Lodge

No. 585 of the Free and Accepted Masons and is a Past Master of the lodge. He is also active in the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and other Masonic branches, and is a past grand of Onward Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Suffern, and past chief ranger of the Foresters of America in this community. He belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church. Fishing is among his favorite hobbies, and he enjoys the study of politics as a spare-time pursuit.

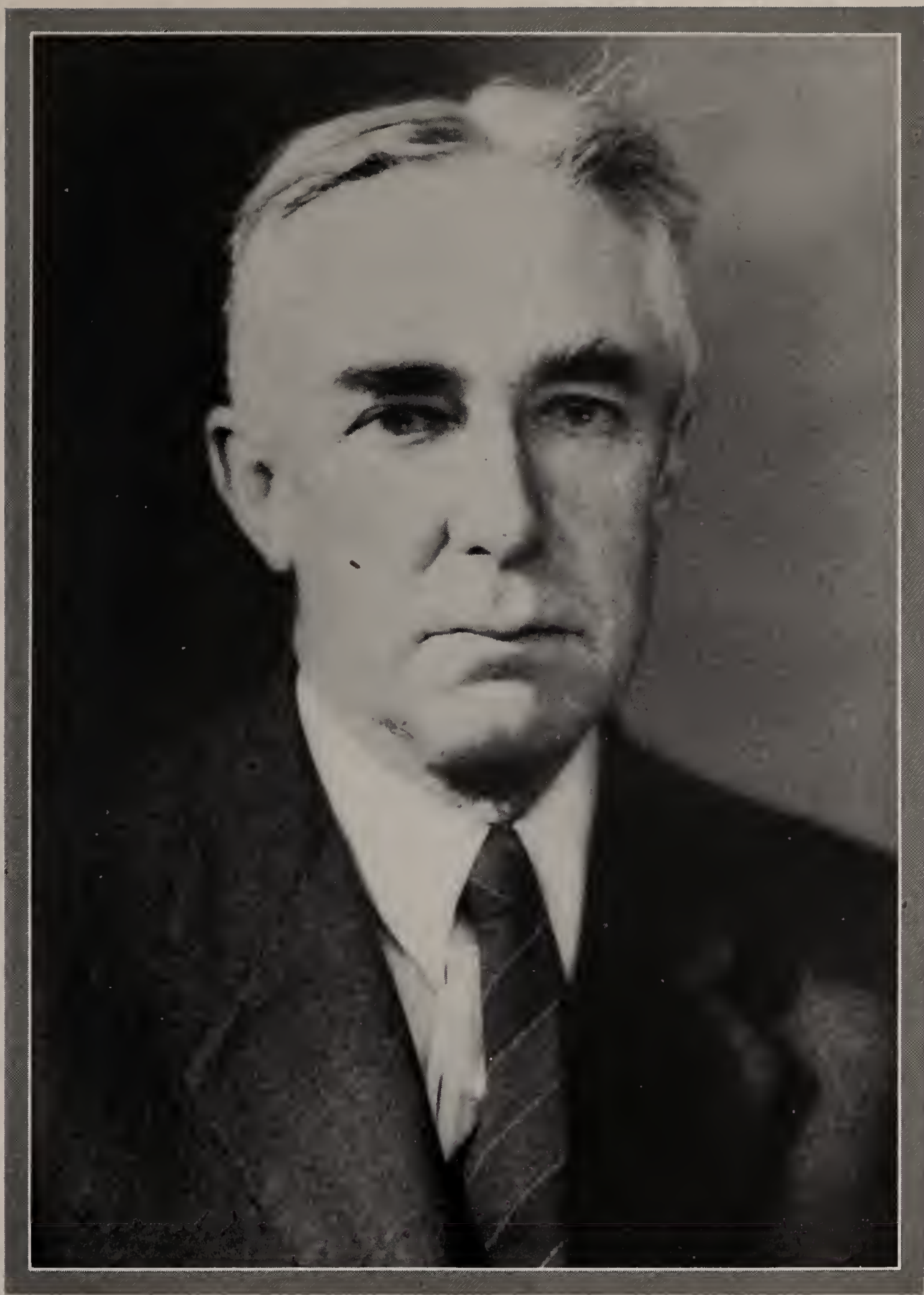
On May 29, 1907, in Paterson, New Jersey, August H. Temple married Emma Kypers, daughter of Cornelius and Marie (Deroo) Kypers, both natives of Holland. Mrs. Temple is a past matron of both the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth, past chief companion of the Foresters, and past district deputy of the 29th district, Order of the Amaranth, State of New York.

LYDIA L. DAYTON, founder of "Business Courses," 21 James Street, Middletown, New York, established in 1936, is the daughter of Thornton B. Dayton, deceased, and Allie Knight Hays Dayton, who was commissioner of public welfare in the city of Middletown for twenty-four years. There is one sister, Mrs. Harry J. Bogardus, of Brooklyn, New York.

Miss Dayton is a graduate of Middletown High School, Brown Business College of Brooklyn, and Columbia Extension University.

PERCY LA FAYETTE HUESTED—There is an attraction about certain phases of agriculture, such as horticulture or the nursery business, that is little understood by the average person. These hold the interest of men of brains, education and culture, throughout long lifetimes. A century ago, the grandfather of Percy L. Husted established a nursery at Blauvelt, Rockland County, that has been continued through four generations. To the various members this long established enterprise has brought deserved rewards, and at the same time contributed importantly to the prosperity and progress of a wide area.

Percy L. Husted was born in Blauvelt, Rockland County, New York, February 10, 1876, son of Major Sylvanus B. Husted and his wife, the former Catherine Elizabeth Blauvelt. Grandfather A. T. Blauvelt—father Major Sylvanus B. Husted—Percy L. Husted, of this record—and his son of the fourth generation, Stanley Blauvelt Husted, have all served as trustees of the Blauvelt schools, a record that not only indicates their prominence in various fields of public service over a long period, but suggests how long have been their services as pioneers and residents of this section of southeastern New York. It should be added that the families from Colonial times were prominent in other sections of the State.



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Grandfather A. T. Blauvelt, a convinced believer in the future of lower New York and upper New Jersey, as fruit and vegetable producers for the metropolitan markets, founded in 1844, a fruit and plant nursery business at Blauvelt, Rockland County. His son-in-law, Major Husted, who won his title during the War Between the States in command of the 37th Regiment, Colored Volunteers, was, like his wife, a school teacher by profession. Both Major and Mrs. Husted were graduates from old Greenbush Academy, Rockland County, and the Albany Normal College. The major had also completed studies in Union College, New York, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1872 he joined A. T. Blauvelt in the management of the nurseries started in 1844 by the latter, and, by his activities and exemplary citizenship, added new luster to widely and favorably known names.

Percy L. Husted was educated in the Greenbush Academy, Blauvelt, the Nyack High School, from which he was graduated in 1894, and Cornell University, where he majored in agricultural and horticultural courses. From 1899 to 1911 he was associated with the New York State Department of Agriculture, a period that was broadly educative in itself. Then he became farmer and nurseryman, with the added advantages of special training and thorough acquaintance with the latest developments in his field of endeavors. Down through four decades and more of identification with horticulture and allied agricultural production, he has seen the ebb and flow of farming and fruit-growing in the Hudson River Valley, and many other parts of the East, and has made no small contribution to the progress of agriculture, whether from the standpoint of growing trees, bushes and plants, or reaping crops from his own plantings, and always has been exceptionally interested in, and an authority on, marketing the products of the soil, which after all is said and done is the final evidence of one's abilities to make the land produce what is wanted and is profitable.

Mr. Husted is a member of the local and State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of the New York State Horticultural Society, and similar organizations. As already mentioned, he is of the third generation to serve on local boards of education. In 1942 he was elected councilman of the town of Orangetown, on the Republican ticket. He knows his section of New York as few men do, being especially interested in its annals of ancient days. His favorite hobby is collecting data concerning old-time millstones that have ground the grain of several generations. Incidentally, he compiled a great deal of information about millstones in Rockland County for a school history of the county. He is of the Presbyterian faith.

In 1909, at Warwick, Orange County, New York, Percy L. Husted married Eleanor Holbert Knapp,

daughter of Amzi and Alice (McWhorter) Knapp. Mr. and Mrs. Husted are the parents of the following children: 1. Stanley Blauvelt, born at Warwick, New York, and educated in the grade and high schools of Haverstraw; he was associated in business with his father prior to his connection with the United States Government Service for the duration of World War II. He is president of the board of education at Blauvelt. Stanley B. Husted married Edith Burton, of Grandview, Rockland County, and they have three children all born in Blauvelt: Stanley Burton, Margaret Holbert, and Heather. 2. Alice C., a graduate of Haverstraw High School, being valedictorian of her class, and a graduate of Cornell University; she married Vernon Church, of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, New York, also a graduate of Cornell University in the same class as his wife; their children are: Alison Church, and Garret Blauvelt Church. 3. Ruth Birch, a graduate of the Blauvelt public schools and Haverstraw High School; she married Paul Ferguson, of Pearl River, and they have one daughter: Carol Ann. 4. Wilbur Knapp, who died in 1937 in his seventeenth year.

JOHN T. CLARK—It is with a background of broad business experience that John T. Clark came to his present position as postmaster of Tuxedo Park.

Mr. Clark was born June 18, 1901, in Tuxedo Park, New York, son of Thomas and Sarah A. (McNiff) Clark. His family is an old one in this region, his paternal grandfather, Daniel F. Clark, having been Tuxedo's first postmaster. Thomas Clark, who was a bookkeeper, was long known for his many-sided contribution to the life of this district, where he continued his activities until his death in 1922.

Public schools of Tuxedo Park provided John T. Clark's early formal education, and he later studied at a business college. His first employment was in secretarial and bookkeeping work in Tuxedo Park, and he was with the Tuxedo Stores from 1921 to 1933. It was then that President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him postmaster of Tuxedo Park. Down to the time of writing Mr. Clark has held the postmastership, which is now his under civil service ruling. The work of the local office greatly increases during the summer months, when, each year, approximately two thousand, five hundred additional people make Tuxedo Park their home until the weather cools off in the fall.

In many other branches of Tuxedo Park affairs Mr. Clark is also active, although he has never sought any public office or preferment. He is a member of the Tuxedo Park Fire Department. A Roman Catholic in his religious faith, he belongs to the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He is a past grand knight in the Knights of Columbus. He enjoys a wide popularity in the community, and has a host of friends in every walk of life.

FRANK BROWN—For many years Frank Brown has been active in the business and political life of Washingtonville, where he is the sole owner of the business formally known as Halleck Brothers, dealers in coal, grain and feed.

Mr. Brown was born June 7, 1898, in Salisbury, Orange County, New York, son of Walter and Henrietta (Riley) Brown. His father has been engaged for many years in farming operations.

Orange County schools provided Frank Brown's early formal education, and he was reared on a farm and continued farming operations afterward in association with his father. Later he withdrew from his agricultural efforts in order to become active in the business world. The firm of Halleck Brothers, with whom he was associated, in Washingtonville, has long been active in coal, grain and feed operations in this community and throughout Orange County. In 1933 he bought the business from the previous owners, becoming the sole owner at that time and proceeding to conduct this same business thereafter under his own name. The firm was originally started many years ago as Hudson & Wright. Later it was known as Moffat's, then as Halleck Brothers. The enterprise began on a small scale, and it afterward became one of the leading firms of its kind in this region of New York State. Operations cover a market extending over an area within a fifteen or twenty-mile radius from Washingtonville.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Brown is a Republican and has served as a committeeman of his party. He belongs to the board of trade of Washingtonville. He is active in fraternal circles as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, and is a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He belongs to the Congregational Church, and served as chairman of the board of trustees at one time.

On November 5, 1925, Frank Brown married Susan Wright, daughter of Schuyler Hudson Wright and Frances Wright, of Orange County, New York, member of a family of old Orange County settlers. They became the parents of two children: 1. Frank, Jr., born April 5, 1927. 2. David W., born August 25, 1930.

EDSON S. MILLER—In the life of Highland Mills and Orange County, Edson S. Miller has for years taken an important rôle. He is now postmaster of this village, which each summer becomes a thriving community because of the many summer camps that are established here and the number of wealthy people from other regions who come to this part of the Ramapo Mountains to make their summer homes.

Mr. Miller was born August 9, 1881, in Highland Mills, New York, son of John T. and Martha (Lewis) Miller, of New York State. His father was engaged in the livery and exchange business.

After attending public schools, Edson S. Miller became active in musical circles. Fond of music from an early period in his life, he was for thirty years a professional musician, playing in bands and on the concert stage. His reputation in the musical world was outstanding, and during the World War of 1914-18 he played in every benefit performance that was given in his community or district. From this musical background Mr. Miller came to the Highland Mills Post Office in 1934, taking the postmastership under appointment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

His work in this connection has been outstandingly valuable to the Highland Mills community and its people and institutions. He has taken part in the work of many organizations, being affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias. In the Methodist Church he is a member of the official board. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

In 1907 Edson S. Miller married Cora Giles, of Washingtonville, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Edson W., who married Mary Owen; they became the parents of two children. 2. Audrey G., wife of Lawrence W. Roth. 3. Alice June, unmarried.

CLIFTON A. CLOUD—For many years active in the practice of law in Port Jervis, New York, and Matamoras, Pennsylvania, where he lives, Clifton A. Cloud is one of this region's outstanding citizens and professional men.

Mr. Cloud was born November 6, 1898, in Bellevue, Ohio, son of Edwin S. and Mary Loretta (Callaghan) Cloud. His father, who was a railroad engineer, is now deceased.

Clifton A. Cloud attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Nottingham, Ohio, and later was a student at the Albany Law School, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928. Admitted to the bar in that year, he began his practice in Port Jervis, where he was associated with the late Leslie B. Hicks until Mr. Hicks's death, April 1, 1929. He then established his own independent law office, which he has maintained down to the time of writing. In addition to his work in this connection, he also practices law in Port Jervis' neighbor city of Matamoras, Pennsylvania, as indicated above.

Mr. Cloud is also active in business affairs through his legal affiliations, being attorney and a director of the Matamoras National Bank. A Republican in politics, he has been district attorney of Pike County, Pennsylvania, since 1938, and acted as counsel for the boroughs of Matamoras, Pennsylvania, and Milford, Pennsylvania.

He has been a member of the Pennsylvania bar since 1937, and is a member of the Port Jervis Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association and the Pike County Bar Association. In addition to his legal education, Mr. Cloud has a broad general knowledge, having studied at St. Charles College, in Catonsville, Maryland. He also concerns himself extensively with the general affairs of his community and district, and is a member of the Matamoras Lions Club and the Matamoras Gun Club. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, in Matamoras.

In 1920, at Middletown, New York, Clifton A. Cloud married Mary Edwards, daughter of John and Margaret Edwards. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John C., born April 1, 1924, a student at Port Jervis High School at the time of writing. 2. Mary E., born June 5, 1927, a student at Garr Institute, Goshen, New York. 3. Jean Marguerite, born October 29, 1929, also a student at Garr Institute, Goshen, New York. 4. Ann Rosalie, born April 5, 1932. In spare time Mr. Cloud is fond of fishing and hunting, which are his favorite sports, and he does a great deal of gardening

JAMES W. BAILEY—As lawyer and judge, James W. Bailey has effectively served the county of Putnam and particularly the community of Cold Spring. He has had a law practice in Cold Spring and in New York City since 1920, and as a county judge has rendered outstanding service to this region of New York State.

Judge Bailey was born March 30, 1890, in Cold Spring, New York, son of James E. and Louise (Wilson) Bailey. His family has resided in Putnam County since Revolutionary War times, and his great-great-grandfather, James Bailey, served in the Revolutionary War. The father conducted a stone and granite business for many years, afterward taking up insurance and real estate work. He is now deceased.

Cold Spring public schools provided Judge James W. Bailey's early formal education, and after graduation from Haldane High School he studied at the New York Law School, there being graduated in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1915, he was afterward, in 1920, admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Since 1915 he has been continuously engaged in a general practice of law in Cold Spring, and since 1920, as indicated above, has also had a law practice in New York City.

Adding public service to his other undertakings, Judge Bailey serves as county judge and surrogate, as well as judge of the Children's Court of Putnam County. In 1921 he was elected district attorney of this county, so continuing until 1929, when he was elected to his present post as county judge. As a judicial officer he has revealed in abundant measure those qualities that eminently fit

a man for service in such a position. Judge Bailey is a director of the National Bank of Cold Spring on Hudson. During the First World War he was in the navy as watch and division officer on convoy duty in the Mediterranean Sea, being promoted to ensign and lieutenant, junior grade, after enlisting as an ordinary sailor. Judge Bailey is now a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of Philips-town Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and a Past District Deputy of his Masonic district, also belonging to Highland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He belongs, too, to Hudson River Commandery of Knights Templar, and has rendered invaluable service to the Masonic branches with which he is affiliated. He is a member of the Cold Spring Lions Club and the New York State Bar Association, and belongs to the Methodist Church.

On July 28, 1926, in Cold Spring, New York, James W. Bailey married Minola McClary, born in Cold Spring, daughter of Charles E. and May D. (Henyman) McClary. They became the parents of the following children, all residents of Cold Spring: 1. Alice, born in Cold Spring, attended public schools here through the high school grades, and graduated from Drew Seminary, Carmel, class of 1944. 2. Janet, had the same schooling in Cold Spring, and is also attending Drew Seminary. 3. James W., Jr., a high school student at the time of writing.

J. HALSEY WESTBROOK—Active in Port Jervis business circles, J. Halsey Westbrook is engaged in the paint, hardware and building materials business here.

Mr. Westbrook was born May 31, 1883, in Port Jervis, New York, son of Edward Stacy and Mareta (Raymond) Westbrook. His father started a paint and hardware business in 1902 in Port Jervis, operating it along with J. Halsey Westbrook's brother under the name of Westbrook & Son. In 1921, when the father died, J. Halsey Westbrook took over management and control of the enterprise, which became Westbrook Brothers. Since 1928 he has been the sole owner, except for the years since 1937, when he admitted his son, Edward P. Westbrook, as a partner. The older style of Westbrook & Son has now been resumed.

J. Halsey Westbrook attended public schools in Port Jervis, completed his high school studies here, then was apprenticed as a carpenter to his father for a number of years. He was a journeyman until 1902, then was a fireman with the Erie Railroad Company until in 1917 he was promoted to engineer. In 1921 he took over his father's business, which today continues as Westbrook & Son, dealing in paints, hardware and building materials and filling an important need in Port Jervis.

Mr. Westbrook is a Republican in politics and is deeply interested in community affairs. He is a member of the Business Men's Club in Port Jervis, the Free and

Accepted Masons and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1911, in Port Jervis, New York, J. Halsey Westbrook married Mina F. Prussia. They became the parents of a son, Edward P. Westbrook, who was born March 10, 1913, and who attended public schools in Port Jervis through the high school grades, then went to Columbia University, New York City. He has since been associated with his father in business, except for the present wartime emergency, during which he is a second lieutenant in the army. He married, in 1937, Lillian Carel, and they have a son, Edward Joseph, born April 28, 1944.

RICHARD HALEY AMBREY—The public services of Richard Haley Ambrey of Stony Point, Rockland County, somehow overshadow the fact that for years he has farmed one of the most beautiful locations in the hills of the lower Hudson River Valley, and long has been a progressive in the promotion of the best interests of this locality. His parents, Willis and Nettie (Dykens) Ambrey, both natives of Stony Point, and both now deceased, lived on and worked the farm acquired by the paternal grandfather, William Ambrey, who came from Liverpool, England, as a young man and purchased the site of the present Ambrey estate. Willis Ambrey died on January 6, 1939; his wife lived to March 4, 1942.

Richard H. Ambrey was born at the Ambrey homestead, February 24, 1895. He learned the rudiments of agriculture while he was acquiring his preliminary education, and completed his formal schooling in the Stony Point grade and high schools. Down the years he has farmed his seventy acres, been engaged in the lumber business and conducted a mercantile establishment. From the time he cast his first vote he has been interested in politics, and gradually has advanced to a position of influence in the councils and campaigns of his party. From 1934 to 1937 he was a justice of the peace; from 1937 to 1942 was under sheriff, a post he resigned to become a candidate for supervisor, to which office he had the honor of being elected in the autumn of 1941, installed in office on January 1, 1942, and reelected in 1943 and 1945. His election was the justly deserved recognition of a career always identified with the prosperity and welfare of the community with which three generations of his family have been identified.

Supervisor Ambrey has been a member of the board of school trustees for some two decades. He is a member of the First Methodist Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Haverstraw Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Red Men, Tribe 223. He organized the Lions Club of Stony Point in August, 1944, and became its first president.

At Stony Point, New York, Richard Haley Ambrey

married (first) Grace Conklin of Stony Point, now deceased. He married (second) Helen Moore, of Governor's Island, New York.

JULIUS PETERSEN—Long a colorful figure in Nyack shipbuilding circles, Julius Petersen, head of the Julius Petersen Shipyards, on the Hudson River, known simply as "the Boss" among his many friends, was born at Kjöge, Denmark, and came to America, July 4, 1890. Twenty-three years old at the time, he brought with him a special heritage and knowledge of the sea. He also possessed as major assets a tremendous ambition and a capacity for hard work. As he made his way in the New World, he took to repairing and building boats, in which he was successfully engaged eight years later, on his own account, having started business in 1898 in Tarrytown, New York, and later, in 1908, locating in Nyack.

Without in any way attempting to build ships the size of the "Normandie" or the "Queen Mary," Mr. Petersen proceeded to turn out many large and substantial yachts in his Nyack yards. Building a number of ships to order for wealthy clients, he was from an early period proud of the "Genzam," a one hundred and five-foot private yacht for Z. G. Simmons, Jr. Later it was taken over by the navy. Another of his favorite boats was the seventy-six-foot "Paratus," owned by David Gerli, which went over to the Coast Guard for Second World War service. Mr. Petersen has derived special satisfaction from the fact that the "Paratus" figured in the rescue of several airmen downed off Montauk Point, Long Island. At one time he built airplane tenders for Pan-American Airways, one of which did a major job in the defense of Wake Island against the first Japanese attack.

In pre-war times Mr. Petersen's nimble mind often created innovations that were incorporated in the designs of ships' architects brought to him by yachtsmen yearning to have their own boats built. Shortly before Pearl Harbor, he converted his entire production to wartime needs. His first war assignment was to build submarine chasers for the navy. The results of his first efforts were so successful that the navy repeated the order several times. Only forty and one-fifth work days were required to turn out the average chaser, but the facilities of his yards were destined to contribute even more significantly to the war effort. Afterward he took up the manufacture of rescue boats, eighty-five feet from bow to stern, two of which slid down the Nyack ways into the Hudson on Election Day, in November, 1943, to help form a fleet of such vessels. On that occasion Mr. Petersen himself appeared to assist in the launching, a fact that surprised many friends who knew that he had practically arisen from a sickbed to do so. Moving to the shed where the P355 was built, he saw it christened by a fourteen-year-old girl, Catherine Oliveros, daughter of the resident army inspector. On crutches he super-



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vised the launchings, chewing his cigar in the Churchillian style all the while. Each of the christeners—the QSI3 was christened by Mrs. Asta Neilson—received a gift of a \$25 war bond from Mr. Petersen. Of the forty-one vessels built during this Second World War, fifteen are now in service with the United States Army Air Force, and the balance with the United States Navy. He also built a one hundred and four-foot rescue boat. When all new construction was completed, his shipyard took to the repairs and alteration of vessels which already had been in service. In this he contributed again to the war effort by accomplishing the repairs in record time so that the vessels might once again return to their job of saving American lives.

As gifted in managing the shipyards over the telephone as in person, Mr. Petersen has an excellent memory for a vast array of detail, a fact which keeps his mind ever alert and active. He was at one time a talented amateur gymnast, and his interests are well-rounded and numerous.

WILLIAM H. MUSBACH—What is reputed to be the oldest roofing business in southeastern New York carried on by one family, is that which now bears the trade title of W. H. Musbach. This Middletown, Orange County, concern was started in 1851 by Herman Musbach, who had been engaged in the same business in his native Germany. He was a grand-uncle of the gentleman whose name heads this record. Henry Musbach, a brother of the founder, and also born in Germany, came to the United States to become associated with Herman Musbach. Later a son, E. G. W. Musbach entered the firm, and he in turn was followed by his son.

This son, William H. Musbach, was born in Middletown, Orange County, New York, September 10, 1895, son of E. G. W. and Lillian (Behme) Musbach. His mother was a native of Middletown who died in 1940. She had been preceded to the grave two years earlier by her husband. The boy became connected with the family business, which was known as Musbach & Son from 1926 to 1935. Since that year it has been "W. H. Musbach," which indicates its owner and directing head. Some twenty or more people are employed under normal conditions and roofing operations are carried on over a radius of a hundred miles from the Middletown headquarters. Many of the largest and outstanding buildings in a large area have been roofed by the W. H. Musbach Company.

While Mr. Musbach has found little time to join organizations, he is a popular member of the Middletown Club and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. He is of the Presbyterian faith. Without ever seeking political office, he has frequently been to the fore in constructive citizenship and in coöperating with movements and measures taken for the

promotion of the best interests of Middletown and Orange County.

In 1918, William H. Musbach married Clara Leschorn, of New York, and they are the parents of two children: Milton M., and Betty C. Musbach.

JAMES T. CROTTY—Formerly engaged in farming, James T. Crotty is now postmaster of Monroe. He was born July 13, 1890, in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Thomas and Mary (Hastings) Crotty. His father, an Orange County farmer and business man, was for years active in the express business. The mother came from County Clare, Ireland.

Public schools provided James T. Crotty's early formal education, and he early turned his attention to agricultural operations, working on the farms that his father, Thomas Crotty, established many years earlier. He became the owner of these properties, and continued his farming operations until 1929. Throughout his active career, James T. Crotty has been interested in public affairs. And in 1933 he was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to his present post as postmaster of Monroe, succeeding F. P. Brooks in this office. At the same time Mr. Crotty has interested himself in a variety of activities in Orange County, where he owns considerable property and real estate. He belongs to the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, and in the Knights of Columbus has held every position except that of grand knight.

On June 25, 1935, James T. Crotty married Helen A. Shay, of Ulster County, this State.

HENRY CLAY MacBRAIR, D. D. S.—Practicing dentistry for many years in Middletown, Dr. Henry Clay MacBair is recognized as dean of his profession here, and is at the same time widely known as inventor of a number of highly useful mechanical devices, many of which are outside the dental sphere. His son, Clay MacBair, Jr., was a collaborator in some of these inventions.

Dr. MacBair was born August 22, 1869, in Brooklyn, New York, son of James and Mary (Reynolds) MacBair.

Dr. MacBair attended public schools and Phillips-Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire. He is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, and received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1890 from Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, now part of the University of Maryland. In that same year he started his practice of dentistry in Middletown, and since then he has carried on a general practice covering all phases and branches of the profession. He has a completely equipped and modern laboratory, in which all his mechanical work is done. He is a well-known general anesthiast. Dr. MacBair is without question recognized as dean of Middletown's dentists, and he has made

a notable contribution to dental science. He is a life member of the 9th District Dental Society, the New York State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

For some years, in addition to his dental practice and laboratory work, Dr. MacBair has given a great deal of time to his inventive activities. He has a number of patents in his own name, including a universally used electric furnace, and has perfected several types of engines. He takes a deep interest, too, in the business life of Middletown and vicinity, and is owner and president of the Neversink Water Company.

In 1893 Dr. Henry Clay MacBair married Caroline A. Hayes. They became the parents of the following children: 1. U. L. MacBair, who married Phyllis Brown. 2. Henry Clay, Jr., who married Leona Nicholson; they have one child, Gaye.

PAUL C. MINICK—As manager of the branches of the Spaulding Bakeries, Inc., in Middletown, New York, and Danbury, Connecticut, Paul C. Minick occupies a prominent place in business life in these communities. In Middletown he concerns himself extensively with civic and social affairs, making his home here.

Mr. Minick was born May 5, 1899, in Milnesville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, son of John P. and Lizzie (Crouse) Minick.

Public schools in Hazleton provided Paul C. Minick's formal education through the high school grades, and he became a clerk in a Hazleton grocery store while still very young. Later he was manager of the store until 1930. In that year Mr. Minick was employed by the Spaulding Bakeries, Inc., which has headquarters in Binghamton, New York. Advancing through different positions of responsibility with this organization, he became manager of the Middletown and Danbury branches in 1940 and so continues down to the time of writing. In Middletown, where he has his home, Mr. Minick is a member of the Rotary Club, the chamber of commerce and the local salvage committee. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In Hazleton, Pennsylvania, Paul C. Minick married Katherine Youngman, daughter of Barton and Marguerite (Kenvin) Youngman, both now deceased. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Paul M., who is with the army air corps. 2. John R., petty officer in the navy. 3 and 4. Jane and Elizabeth (twins). 5. Nancy. 6. Glen Lee.

GEORGE J. TISCHNER—Since 1924 George J. Tischner has been associated with the Whitlock Press, in Middletown, of which he is vice-president at the time of writing.

Mr. Tischner was born February 21, 1899, in Middletown, New York, son of Jacob A. and Anna (Hummel)

Tischner. His father is now retired from his active endeavors.

Middletown public schools provided George J. Tischner's early formal education, and he was then employed by several printing houses in New York City until 1922. In that year he came to Middletown and associated himself with the Middletown "Times Herald," with which he continued for two years. It was in 1924, as indicated above, that he came to the Whitlock Press, of which he is vice-president.

Mr. Tischner is a member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce and Hoffman Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, No. 412. He is Past Master of his lodge. He is secretary of the board of trustees of St. John's Lutheran Church.

On September 26, 1926, in Middletown, New York, George J. Tischner married Elizabeth A. Roeth, daughter of Adam Roeth and Bertha Hofacker Roeth. They became the parents of a daughter, Dorothy Tischner, who was born November 4, 1927.

FRED D. SNYDER—Active in the furtherance of bus transportation in Middletown and vicinity, Fred D. Snyder is president, treasurer and general manager of the Mid-City Transit Corporation here. He has made an important contribution to the evolution of the local bus system, and is active also in a wide range of civic and social affairs here.

Mr. Snyder was born September 14, 1893, in Ulster County, New York, son of Asa and Alice (Van der Mark) Snyder. His father, also a native of Ulster County, was for years engaged in the hotel business.

Public schools provided Fred D. Snyder's early formal education, and he early became engaged in the automobile business on his own account at Walden, in Orange County. Breaking off from that work to enlist in the artillery for service in the First World War, he received a first sergeant's rating, although he never went overseas. Returning to civilian life, he came back to Walden, where for a time he was associated with the Fairchild Auto Company. He then entered the automobile bus business on his own account with the Newburgh Public Service Corporation, which was, incidentally, the first transportation company to change over completely from electric vehicles to gasoline bus transportation. Through 1934 Mr. Snyder was with that company. Coming to be increasingly well known in bus and electric transportation circles, he came to Middletown in 1935, here buying the local bus service and starting in its stead his own enterprise, the Mid-City Transit Corporation, of which, as already indicated, he is president, treasurer and general manager.

The story of bus and electric transportation here dates back to 1897, when the first trolley car line was established. The Wallkill Transportation Company oper-



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ated the first buses. Many changes have come with the passing of the years, down to the establishment of the present Mid-City Transit Corporation, headed by Mr. Snyder. Mr. Snyder also is active in a number of local clubs and civic groups, and takes a broad general interest in Middletown affairs.

Fred D. Snyder married, in 1915, Alice L. La Turner, and they became the parents of a son, Frederick S. Snyder, who was graduated from Purdue University and is now a first lieutenant in the army.

SAMUEL M. CUDDEBACK—Samuel M. Cuddeback is a lifelong resident of Port Jervis, New York, where he was born February 17, 1877, a son of the attorney, Cornelius E. Cuddeback and his wife, Esther Mills. Mrs. Cuddeback was a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Wickham Mills, D. D., a prominent minister of the Dutch Reformed denomination.

He attended Rutgers College, receiving from it, upon his graduation in 1899, the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in 1902 the Master of Arts degree. He read law in his father's office, attended the New York Law School and was admitted to the bar in July, 1901. Since his admission he has continuously practiced law in Port Jervis.

On May 10, 1906, Mr. Cuddeback was united in marriage with Anna Van Inwegen, who was born in Port Jervis, a daughter of Charles F. Van Inwegen, for many years president of the First National Bank of Port Jervis, and Emma L. (Van Etten) Van Inwegen. Mrs. Cuddeback graduated from Vassar College the same year in which Mr. Cuddeback graduated from Rutgers.

The immigrant ancestors of both Mr. and Mrs. Cuddeback came to America prior to 1700 and were of the first settlers in the neighborhood of Port Jervis. Through ancestry and by marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cuddeback have many relatives in Orange and Ulster counties.

Mr. Cuddeback is of French-Huguenot and English descent while Mrs. Cuddeback is of Holland Dutch descent.

Shortly after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, Jacques (Jacob) Caudebec, of Caudebec in the Seine Inferieure District of Normandy, France, came to America and settled with the Dutch at Kingston. In 1690 he moved from Kingston to the Valley of the Neversink which was then in Ulster County and now is in Orange County. The spelling of the family name was through anglicization first changed to Codebec and finally to its present form of spelling of Cuddeback.

In 1695 Jacob Codebec, together with others, petitioned the then Colonial Governor of New York, Colonel Benjamin Fletcher, for permission to purchase from the Indians a large tract of land in Waghagkemeck in Ulster County. Permission was granted and in 1697 the Indians conveyed to the petitioners a tract of twelve hundred

acres of flat land located along the Neversink River, extending from the present hamlet of Huguenot on the south to the present hamlet of Cuddebackville on the north, a distance of about four miles. Many bearing the name of Cuddeback have ever since resided there. Due to the fact that Jacob Codebec's signature was the first appended to the petition and that he was the one who presented to Governor Fletcher the petition for leave to purchase the tract has throughout the years been known as the Cuddeback Patent.

Mr. Cuddeback's mother, Esther Mills, was descended from George Mills, a native of Yorkshire, England, who arrived in this country in 1665 and settled at Mills Pond, Long Island. His descendant, Jacob, came to Orange County about 1770, where he purchased a large tract of land in the town of Wallkill, north of Scotchtown and there conducted a tannery. During the Revolutionary War he manufactured shoes for the soldiers.

Mrs. Cuddeback's paternal immigrant ancestor, Hermanus Barentsen Van Inwegen, came from Nijmegen in the Province of Gelderland, Holland, while her maternal ancestor, Jacob Jansen Van Etten, came from Etten in the Province of North Brabant, Holland. A portion of the Cuddeback Patent was sold to Gerardus Van Inwegen. Mrs. Cuddeback is also, through her grandmother Elizabeth Bull Van Inwegen, a descendant of William and Sarah Wells Bull.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuddeback have four children: Pfc. Cornelius E. Cuddeback, 3d; Charles Van Inwegen Cuddeback; Captain Samuel M. Cuddeback, Jr.; and Cynthia Van Etten Cuddeback, who is the wife of Lieutenant Kenneth Durland Cuddeback, United States Naval Reserve. They also have one grandchild, Charles Van Inwegen Cuddeback, Jr., a son of their son, Charles, and his wife, Martha Ray, a native of Hartford, Connecticut.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the American, New York State, Orange County, and Port Jervis Bar associations, and also of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He has served as president of the Orange County and Port Jervis Bar associations and is a member of the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association, and also a member of the Ninth Judicial District Committee on the Character and Fitness of Applicants for Admission to the Bar.

He has served as corporation counsel of the city of Port Jervis and as attorney for the Port Jervis Board of Education, of which for twenty-five years he was a member.

During the recent acquisitions of additional land for use in connection with the West Point Military Reservation, he served for a time as a special United States attorney in the land division of the then Attorney General, Hon. Robert H. Jackson. Mr. Cuddeback served during World War I as local war saving stamp chairman and during World War II acted as local war bond vice-

chairman and also as government appeal agent attached to Local Selective Service Board No. 307.

He is a director and attorney for the First National Bank of Port Jervis and likewise a director and attorney for Port Jervis Savings & Loan Association No. 1, the oldest of such associations in the State of New York.

For many years while practicing with his father, and also thereafter, he has represented public utility and other corporations which serve the public. Since 1924 he has acted for and is now local attorney for the Rockland Light & Power Company and in addition to litigated matters has had charge of the acquisition of some thirty miles of land and water rights along the Mongaup and Neversink rivers, which were needed by that company for its proposed hydro-electric developments, some of which have already been made.

He was also, prior to their coming into public ownership, director of and attorney for the Port Jervis Water Works Company, the property of which was acquired by the city of Port Jervis, the Barrett Bridge Company and the Cohecton Bridge Company, whose toll bridges were acquired jointly by the states of New York and Pennsylvania, and was also attorney for the Matamoras Citizens Water Company of Matamoras, Pennsylvania, prior to and at the time of the acquisition of its plant and system by that borough.

Mr. Cuddeback was appointed by Governor Lehman a member of the board of visitors of the Middletown State Hospital and served thereon for seven years.

For upwards of forty years he has been an officer of the Minisink Valley Historical Society of which he is now president, succeeding in the presidency his grandfather and father.

He is, and since 1923 has been, president of the Port Jervis Hotel Corporation, owner of the Hotel Minisink at Port Jervis.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Cuddebeck, the Rev. Cornelius Elting, was from 1816 to 1842 the minister of the Reformed Dutch Church of Deerpark and his grandfather, the Rev. Samuel W. Mills, D. D., was its pastor from 1858 to 1870. During his pastorate the present handsome structure was erected.

Mr. Cuddeback is an elder of the Reformed Dutch Church of Deerpark and has served in its consistory for forty years. Some one of his antecedents has been a member of the Consistory for practically all of the time since the organization of the church in 1737.

For many years he was a director of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Politically Mr. Cuddeback and his forebears have been members of the Democratic party. In 1940 he was an alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and he also attended the National conventions of that party in 1904 and 1936. He is now a member of the executive committee of the Orange County Democratic Committee and has served as delegate to many State,

judicial, county and local conventions. He was a candidate of his party for election to membership in the 1938 Constitutional Convention.

He is a member of the Port Jervis Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and of the Delta Phi fraternity.

At present Mr. Cuddeback is the senior member of the law firm of Cuddeback and Cuddeback, composed of himself and his sons, Charles Van I. Cuddeback, a graduate of Williams College and Harvard Law School, and Captain Samuel M. Cuddeback, Jr., a graduate of Williams College and the Yale Law School. The office which the firm now maintains has been in continuous existence since 1873, when it was established by Mr. Cuddeback's father. From 1901 to 1918 the firm was C. E. and S. M. Cuddeback, from 1919 to 1932 Cuddeback and Jones, from 1932 to 1934 Mr. Cuddeback practiced alone. From 1934 to 1939 the firm was Samuel M. and Charles Van I. Cuddeback and from 1939 to date Cuddeback and Cuddeback.

Mr. Cuddeback is one of the oldest actively practicing members of the Orange County Bar Association. His legal career has been a long and busy one and he has been engaged in most of the important litigation arising in the western portion of Orange County. He has had an extensive experience and practice in estate and real estate matters, not only in Orange County but in the adjoining county of Sullivan in New York, Sussex County in New Jersey, and Pike County in Pennsylvania. He has enjoyed the confidence of the community in which he lives and over the years has acted as executor, administrator and trustee for many estates, both large and small, of residents of Port Jervis and the territory adjacent thereto.

CHARLES H. BORLAND—During the years that he has been engaged in the practice of law in Middletown, Orange County, New York, Charles H. Borland has won reputation for his general knowledge of the law and particularly for his knowledge of the tax laws. He is a native of Liberty, New York, born May 16, 1907, son of Harry L. and Helen (Hornbeck) Borland, his father being a railroad man.

Charles H. Borland attended grade and high schools in New York and New Jersey, and entered the Washington Square (New York City) College of New York University. Continuing with his *alma mater*, he was graduated from the law school of New York University, with the class of 1929, a Bachelor of Laws. During the following year he was admitted to the bar and for a time was associated with A. C. N. Thompson of Middletown, New York, and J. W. and P. V. D. Gott, in Goshen, New York. He then established himself in a general practice of his profession, in Middletown. He serves as attorney for the New York State Tax Commission, and is a member and secretary of the Orange County Bar Association; member of the Middletown Bar Association and the New

York State Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and belongs to the Middletown Club.

On January 15, 1938, at Middletown, Charles H. Borland married Grace E. Halliday, daughter of John W. and Eleanor W. Halliday, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ann L., born September 29, 1940.

CLARENCE A. LEFFERTS—For many years associated with the Erie Railroad Company, Clarence A. Lefferts served as division storekeeper in Port Jervis, where he had complete charge of vast purchases and other important responsibilities connected with this post.

Mr. Lefferts was born December 15, 1894, on Long Island, New York, son of Welcom and Martha (Layman) Lefferts, of New York City, both of whom died in 1942. His father was a stationary engineer.

Clarence A. Lefferts attended public schools in his native community, and in 1920 entered the employ of the Erie Railroad. In that year he was made chief clerk to the division storekeeper in Port Jervis, so serving until 1935, when he was appointed division storekeeper, succeeding F. R. Tucker in this position. He continued here until he was commissioned a captain and is now serving overseas in World War II.

Quite aside from this responsible post with the Erie Railroad, Mr. Lefferts was a director of the Port Jervis Savings & Loan Association. He was secretary-treasurer of the Port Jervis Country Club and a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association and served on the Port Jervis Board of Education for two years. He has concerned himself with many civic problems of special interest to Port Jervis people, making his contribution through personal and organizational work. He served his country effectively in the First World War, enlisting in the Fourth Division of the United States Army and serving overseas for eighteen months and was afterward with the Army of Occupation in Germany for six months, holding the rank of first lieutenant. He joined the American Legion, in which he is a past commander of his post and vice-chairman of the county organization. He was secretary of his lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry. Among his other enterprises, he was a deacon of the Reformed Church and superintendent of the Sunday school, having so served for thirteen years.

On September 2, 1922, Clarence A. Lefferts married Eunice E. Oakley, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Frank J. Oakley and Alice Caplan Oakley. They became the parents of two children: 1. Helen O., a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School, now working in New York City. 2. Ann, a student.

FREDERICK GERMAIN, Jr.—A career in the "show business," advanced along several different lines, has well equipped Frederick Germain, Jr., for his work in radio broadcasting.

Mr. Germain was born June 8, 1902, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Frederick and Sadie May Seaman Germain. His father is at the time of writing employed by the United States Army at Camp Stewart.

Schools of East Orange provided Frederick Germain's early formal education through the high school grades. He entered upon a career in the theatre at an early period, and was connected with some outstanding producers and stage folk. He played at one time with William Faversham in a tour of "Her Friend the King," and also was associated with Elizabeth Melie, New York producer. He also has done a great deal of educational work, having organized the Monmouth Community Players in Spring Lake and the Little Theatre of the City of East Orange. In 1940 he entered upon his radio broadcasting work, becoming part-owner of Station WALL, in Middletown.

In addition, Mr. Germain is a member of a number of Middletown organizations, among them the Middletown Club and the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company. Since April 1, 1945, he has been secretary of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce.

In Orange, New Jersey, September 18, 1925, Frederick Germain, Jr., married Margaret Dorothy Murray, daughter of John McDonald and Mary Edith Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Germain became the parents of two children: 1. John Frederick, born December 4, 1934. 2. Frederick Murray, born January 14, 1942.

HENRY MORGAN BURKE—General manager of the Dutchess Bleachery, Inc., of Wappingers Falls, New York, Henry Morgan Burke is an engineer and executive of varied experience. Like many of the leaders in the textile industries of the East, he is a native of New England, born at Providence, Rhode Island, November 22, 1887, son of Patrick Joseph and Katherine (Morgan) Burke, his father being identified as an official with a cotton braiding mill.

Mr. Burke, of this record, attended the elementary schools of his birth city, was graduated from the Providence Technical High School, in 1906, and matriculated at Brown University, from which he was graduated in 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. As a young college man he began his career by doing engineering and construction work in the United States and foreign countries for about three years. In 1914, he engaged in industrial and cost accounting as a consultant, with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. Two years later he joined the Mount Hope Finishing Company, of North Dighton, Massachusetts, following similar lines of activity—construction and engineering, continuing with this

organization until the year 1928. At this time he resigned to go with the Dutchess Bleachery, Inc., of which he has since been general manager, stockholder and a director to the present writing. He is widely recognized as an able executive and engineer, a man of ideas who can put them in practice. Not the least of his achievements is the ability to win a loyal following among employees, immediate associates and the company, whose productive affairs he directs.

Like many of his generation, he had a part in the First World War, only a relatively small part from his own modest evaluation, when he was engaged in war plant construction in 1917-18, with the Ordnance Department of the 26th Division, United States Army. His professional memberships include one in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, wherein he is chairman of the Textile Division. His collegiate and professional fraternity is Phi Kappa, Brown University. He is a member of the Brown University Club of New York, the Dutchess County Golf and Country Club, and the Wappingers Falls Lions Club. He is an independent in politics, with no ambitions for election or appointment to public offices. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church.

At Pawtucket, Rhode Island, January 26, 1915, Henry Morgan Burke married Elizabeth Moy, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Collins) Moy, and they are the parents of the following children: David Moy, lieutenant United States Navy Reserve; Paul Moy, deceased, killed December 12, 1941, while serving in the United States Air Corps; Maurice Moy, a corporal in the United States Air Corps; Grace-Marie (Burke) Aldrich, Elizabeth Moy, Rosalind Joan, and Henry Morgan Burke, Jr. There are two grand children: Florence Ann and Rosalind Jeanne Aldrich.

THOMAS D. LEARY—To those who have but a casual knowledge of Kingston, Ulster County, it is a small city of historic note, beautifully located above the Hudson River and Rondout Creek. To the better informed, it is also an industrial center with important plants and outstanding executives, such as Thomas D. Leary, general manager of the Manhattan Shirt Company. A native of Glens Falls, New York, he is the son of Daniel E. and Hannah (Walsh) Leary, both also natives of this up-State city.

While still very young he became connected with textiles as a vocation and the far larger part of his career was identified with Glens Falls. He learned the trade of cutter and designer of dresses and spent a number of years in this line, but his ambition was to get into the shirt business. He was both skilled and experienced when he joined the Yorke Shirt Company, of Glens Falls. In 1936 he became associated with the famous Manhattan Shirt Company, and in 1941 he was given a tremendous responsibility, as well as wonderful opportunity, when he

went to Kingston, New York, to rehabilitate the local plant and business of the company. The Manhattan Shirt people had been in the city since 1919, and had built in more recent years a large brick factory. The depression period of a decade later and even down to relatively recent times, affected adversely the concern. Although in 1941 our country had already entered the global war and the future of all industries was uncertain, the Manhattan Shirt Company had the enterprise to revive their Kingston production and in this work Thomas D. Leary has been the general manager and the man largely responsible for a major success. The company employs about two hundred and fifty people and manufactures a product that is in demand all over the United States.

During World War I, Mr. Leary was a member of various boards and committees that undertook to further the civilian activities of that period; he is as keenly interested in lending aid to present day war movements and organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, being a Fourth Degree Knight and Faithful Navigator. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Catholic Church.

In 1907, Thomas D. Leary married Margaret M. Trombley of New York State, and they have the following children: 1. Ruth M., a graduate of St. Mary's Academy of Glens Falls, now a nun. 2. Thomas D., Jr., also a graduate of St. Mary's, who married Eva Noel. 3. Margaret M., now a student at the Academy of St. Ursula in Kingston.

ARCHIBALD TAYLOR—For many years active in the business life of Middletown, Archibald Taylor is president of the Archibald Taylor Co., Inc., of this city, engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Taylor was born October 22, 1901, in Middletown, New York, son of Archibald and Marguerite (Startup) Taylor, and the grandson of a veteran civil engineer. The father, born in Pine Bush, New York, operated a grist mill at Galeville, and then a general store at Pine Bush, prior to coming to Middletown where he co-founded and long directed the affairs of what became the Archibald Taylor Co., Inc., engaged in realty and general insurance. This enterprise dates from May 1, 1886, when the late Mr. Taylor became a member of the firm of Little, Case & Taylor.

Mr. Taylor acceded to a greater interest in the firm, March 1, 1887, and the name became Case & Taylor. It was shortened simply to that of Archibald Taylor, January 1, 1911, after the death of Ira L. Case, who also had been principal of Wallkill Academy here. The firm became Archibald Taylor Co., Inc., January 1, 1915. During his career here, the elder Mr. Taylor became one of the community's leading citizens and had an interest in a variety of public enterprises. Besides conducting his insurance business, he was associated with Leander C.



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Purdy in the Orange County Lighting Company, was a director of the Ideal Wrapping Machine Company, a vice-president and director of the Orange County Telephone Company, a director of the Merchants National Bank, one of the organizers and later a president of the chamber of commerce, and treasurer of the Middletown Fire Department for more than twenty-five years.

Public schools in Middletown provided the younger Archibald Taylor's early education, and he later attended Columbia University, New York City, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. After completing his formal studies, he entered the Archibald Taylor Co., Inc., with whose conduct he has had so much to do since that time. Since his father's death, the younger Archibald Taylor has headed the firm as its president. The Archibald Taylor Co., Inc., is today recognized as one of the leading insurance and real estate organizations of Orange County.

Along with his work as president of the Archibald Taylor Co., Inc., Mr. Taylor is secretary and a trustee of the Middletown Savings Bank and a director of the Orange County Telephone Company. Active in business affairs in Middletown since his graduation from Columbia in 1924, he also interests himself in civic and social affairs here. He is a member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, the Middletown Club, the Orange County Golf Club and the Free and Accepted Masons, and serves as trustee of the Orange County Home for Aged Women, and director of Middletown-Goshen Convalescent Children's Home. He has, among his other activities, been a member and president of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church.

In Warwick, New York, June 2, 1928, Archibald Taylor married Mary B. Sanford, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Helen, born in 1929. 2. Sarah Sanford, born in 1932.

MELVILLE K. WEILL—As president of Skydyne, Inc., in Port Jervis, Melville K. Weill performed a highly original and pioneer rôle in the manufacturing world. This company pioneered and introduced an advanced method of airplane construction and airborne equipment, made of plastic bonded sandwich material. Its growth has been, and continues to be, rapid.

Melville K. Weill was born in Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, California, on May 14, 1887, son of Armand Charles Weill of Alsace, France, and Rebecca Kaiser Weill of Mobile, Alabama. His father was for years engaged in mining operations in Mexico.

Melville K. Weill was educated in public schools in California, and when the family moved to Mexico, he had a tutor until he attended Phillips Exeter Academy; then graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1909 with a degree of Bachelor of Science.

His business career covers a wide range, starting as an engineer in the office of the consulting engineer to the city of San Francisco, California. From there he went to Mexico City as assistant general manager and sales manager of the Consolidated Rolling Mills & Foundries Company, until the revolution made living conditions too difficult for his wife and children, when he moved back to the United States. He then ran the Moreland Transportation Company in San Diego, California, until he was called to the Stamford Rolling Mills Company in Stamford, Connecticut, which was under the same management as the Consolidated in Mexico. In 1918 he went with the Beechnut Packing Company as manager of the Foil Department, which later was incorporated as the Beechnut Foil Company. Mr. Weill was vice-president and general manager. The same was sold to the Reynolds Metals Company in 1928, and Mr. Weill established his own offices as consulting engineer and business counselor in New York City.

In 1938, Mr. Weill met Dr. Steven E. Mautner, an eminent engineer who had been developing in France an advanced method of airplane construction. Seeing great possibilities in this new development, Mr. Weill became interested and decided to join forces with Dr. Mautner in forming a company to carry on this development.

Skydyne, Inc., was organized in August, 1938, in New York City. Soon afterwards a pilot plant was opened in Brooklyn, New York, and the operations expanded so rapidly that the company moved to larger quarters in Port Jervis, New York, in 1942.

At present, Skydyne's products are being used by the armed forces, as well as a large number of the leading manufacturers of this country. Skydyne is engaged exclusively in war work.

Mr. Weill is president and general manager of the organization, which is a closed corporation and bids fair as a pioneer in its field to become one of the large corporations of the future.

In addition to his activities with Skydyne, Inc., Melville K. Weill is a licensed engineer in the State of New York, belongs to the Phi Sigma Kappa, and is a member of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Advertising Club of New York, the Tech Club, a charter member of the Mexico Pilgrims, and a member of the Port Jervis Rotary Club.

In 1910, Melville K. Weill married Helen Loeb Weill, and they are parents of two children: Ruth, wife of Robert J. Strauss and mother of one child, William W. Strauss; Robert Loeb Weill, who was associated with his father in Skydyne, Inc., as vice-president, until he joined the United States Navy. He married Janet Batchelder, and they are the parents of two children: a son, Robert B. Weill, and a daughter, Arden B. Weill.

ERNEST R. FORTHOFFER—Ernest R. Forthoffer was born in Ellenville, New York, in 1890, son of John A. and Jennie J. (Blumenauer) Forthoffer and moved to Middletown at the age of five. He attended Middletown public schools and graduated from Cornell University, class of 1916, Bachelor of Science.

He enlisted in the army in 1917 and served as private first class overseas with United States Base Hospital No. 37. He was married in 1920 to Emily Crawford. They have two children: 1. Nancy C., born in 1924, Wellesley College class of 1946. 2. Frank R., born in 1928.

Mr. Forthoffer is treasurer and manager of B. F. Van Sickle, Inc. He is a member of Hoffman Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, American Legion, Kiwanis, Middletown Club and Webb Horton Memorial Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM TAYLOR CORNELIUS—Of the eighty years allotted to him by his Creator, William Taylor Cornelius spent more than half of them in Middletown, New York, where for four decades he was a funeral director. Always a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he was a leader in many community projects and organizations, generous ever in his support of religious and humanitarian activities.

He was born at Graysville, New York, September 2, 1863, son of Joseph and Eliza (Taylor) Cornelius, who came from England in 1853. The family later moved to Elkland, Pennsylvania, where the father became the owner of a sole leather tannery.

William Taylor Cornelius received his education in the schools of Elkland and Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, New York. When the father retired the Cornelius tannery was sold to Proctor Ellison Company of Boston, Massachusetts, and he was superintendent of that tannery for several years. In 1901 he went to Little Valley, New York, where he purchased a furniture and undertaking business, and came to Middletown in 1903.

As has been indicated, Mr. Cornelius was for forty years a mortician in Middletown, starting in a small way and progressing with the times, until in equipment and service rendered the public he was unsurpassed. As might be inferred from his character and personality, he entered into a wide variety of community activities and was a popular figure in many circles. In the days when fire protection was in the hands of volunteers, Mr. Cornelius joined the Monhagen Hose Company, and no doubt went with the company to the annual gatherings of fire volunteer units that were so interesting a feature of the times in the Hudson River towns. No doubt he also "ran" with his unit in the races held at these events and helped show, for prizes, how efficient the Monhagen Hose Company was in getting out its hose and getting water upon some designated spot. The further feature of the story is that he also was very influential in getting Middletown to purchase its first motorized equipment.

Fraternally Mr. Cornelius was affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers, the Wallkill Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics; Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons; Midland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Cyprus Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he was a Past Commander. He likewise was a former councillor of the Junior Order United American Mechanics in Middletown, and past State councillor of this same order, and had served as national representative upon several occasions. His clubs included the Lions, of which he was a charter member and former chaplain. Over a long period he acted as president of the board of directors of the Yankee Lake Company. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in the city, serving long as a deacon, and a former chairman of the official board. Few can recall when he was not a Sunday school teacher and superintendent of the First Church Sunday School.

William Taylor Cornelius was twice married. He married (first), Josephine, daughter of Rev. John Whiteside of Lima, New York. She was the mother of Mrs. Ralph Works of Hanover, Montana, Leland W. V., Depew, New York, Cyril J., of Oakland, California, and Milford Whiteside, of New York City. January 1, 1900, he married (second) Jessie Louise, daughter of Myron L. and Susan Bosard Bonham of Osceola, Pennsylvania, who survives with two children: William Bonham Cornelius, who follows in the business of his father, and Vera, wife of Howard W. Weale of Middletown, New York. There are several grandchildren.

The death of William Taylor Cornelius on October 24, 1943, not many weeks after he had celebrated his eightieth birthday, marked the passing of one of the foremost citizens of Middletown, whose memory will long be held in grateful appreciation. He had walked the streets of the city day by day, known to almost everybody, his life an open book for all to read and from which to gather inspiration. In his own quiet way he stood for all that people hold most dear in public and private affairs, a gentleman of the old school, the very good friend of more than one generation.

FRANK NIERING—After having been engaged in the sales division of the business field for a period of years, Frank Niering came to Newburgh in 1928, here to establish a firm of his own, Frank Niering Company, Inc., for the purpose of manufacturing decorative fabrics. Starting on a small scale this company has expanded in little more than a decade until it now occupies a building of its own with extensive manufacturing facilities. The only concern of its kind in this region, Frank Niering Company, Inc., produces such fabrics as draperies and curtains, sending them to outlets throughout the United States and Canada. Well known throughout the city, Mr. Niering is a member of business, civic and social organizations here.



Wm. T. Cornelius



Frank Niering is the son of Anton and Charlotte (Desenfons) Niering. He received his early education in the public schools, and then matriculated at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He has since increased his familiarity with the various divisions of the business field by taking several extension courses and by further study at commercial schools.

After completing his college studies, Mr. Niering became associated with the John Wanamaker Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and continued in employment there for a period of eight years. Then he entered employment with the duPont Company, as sales representative, a position which he continued to hold for twelve years.

Then, in 1928, he came to Newburgh, here to develop his own firm in the drapery manufacturing field. His first location was a small plant, later replaced by one on Clark Street. When his business outgrew this second plant, he moved to the present location of the company, on the corner of South Robinson and Washington streets, where his firm occupies an entire building. At this plant, more than ninety employees are required for the operations of the company. The decorative fabrics which the concern produces are sent to all parts of the United States and to Canada. Present officers of the company are: president, Frank Niering, who is also general manager; vice-president, Cyrus Clark; and secretary, Alexander Mackay.

Mr. Niering was at one time a member of the National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the City Club of Newburgh, of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and is a director of the Powelton Club here.

On December 21, 1933, Frank Niering married Margaret A. Millard, of Newburgh, daughter of Frances Ramsdell Millard and Charles Millard. They have been active together in the civic and social affairs of the city, and are the parents of two children: 1. Frank, Jr. 2. Nancy H.

W. KENNETH KUKUK—One of the older funeral homes in Kingston, Ulster County, The Kukuk Memorial Funeral Home is not only noteworthy in equipment and reputation but is unusual in that in addition to the founder, his wife and a son and a daughter have all been identified with it, sometimes together, or, as of the present, when W. Kenneth Kukuk and Viola Keyser, brother and sister, direct its affairs.

W. Kenneth Kukuk was born in Kingston, New York, in 1906, son of William C. and Carrie D. Kukuk. The father, who became an undertaker and long ago established the funeral home, died in 1929. His widow then took over the management and was active to her passing in 1937. In the meanwhile, a daughter, Viola, became an assistant, and at the death of William C. Kukuk, W. Kenneth Kukuk became manager.

Viola (Kukuk) Keyser, a native of Kingston, New York, born in 1899, married, in 1921, George A. Keyser, who is now deceased. They were the parents of a son, William S. Keyser, a graduate from the Admiral Farragut Academy, was in 1943 serving in the United States Army, and was assigned to Syracuse University, for studies leading to a commission. He was wounded in action in December, 1944, having participated in the Bastogne Bulge (Belgium). He is a paratrooper and has taken an extensive course in demolitions. After the war he intends to return to Kingston and become associated with his uncle and mother at the funeral home.

W. Kenneth Kukuk, after attending the Kingston grade and high schools, entered the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the class of 1928, a Bachelor of Arts. Returning to his birth city, he became associated with his mother in the Kukuk Memorial Funeral Home, and is now one of the best known funeral directors in Ulster County. Mr. Kukuk is commissioner of public welfare, and is a member and Past Master of the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the First Presbyterian Church, is superintendent of its Sunday school, and prominent in civic, social and charitable activities in the community. He is a director of the Kingston City Library.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1929, W. Kenneth Kukuk married Mabel D. Bangham, and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen M. Kukuk.

FABIAN L. RUSSELL—In 1929, Fabian L. Russell established in Saugerties, Ulster County, the F. L. Russell Corporation, manufacturers of account books. During one of the most difficult financial periods in the history of the United States, his leadership has built this into an outstanding business. It requires the use of some forty thousand square feet of floor space for its operations and employs about two hundred people.

Mr. Russell was born at Wauregan, Connecticut, in 1900. After completing his education he was variously employed before initiating this enterprise in Saugerties. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Reformed Church.

In 1924, Fabian L. Russell married Helen Isabel Snyder, and they are the parents of two children, Robert S. and Sally A. Russell.

VERNON SHELEY—Taking an important rôle in Newburgh's business life as vice-president and general manager of the Abbey Sales Company, Inc., Vernon Sheley is actively engaged in the lumber and millwork trade.

Mr. Sheley's parents resided at Sundown, New York, where his father, Leo Grant Sheley is widely known and loved. The father is associated with the Newburgh Ferry Company. The mother was Mrs. Violet Pearl (Terwilliger) Sheley.

Vernon Sheley attended public schools, and early turned his attention to the lumber trade. He was connected with the Newburgh Planing Mill Company until 1935, when he and a partner, Hugh McTamaney, entered business on their own account, forming the Abbey Lumber Company. Later, also in association with Hugh McTamaney, they established the present firm, the Abbey Sales Company, Inc., which is a continuation of the former organization. Mr. McTamaney, who is president of the Abbey Sales Company, Inc., was born in Newburgh and attended parochial schools here. His parents were Hugh and Mary (Manning) McTamaney, both of Irish birth. Mr. McTamaney entered the lumber business at an early period, and his association with Mr. Sheley has been highly beneficial to both. Mr. Sheley is vice-president and general manager of the present Abbey Sales Company, Inc., as indicated above, and he and the firm are widely known for their activity in the lumber and millwork trade. The Abbey Sales Company has its headquarters at No. 38 Carpenter Avenue, Newburgh. They have experienced a gradual and steady growth since starting operations in 1935, serving mainly a market covering an area within a twenty-mile radius from Newburgh.

Mr. Sheley deserves much credit for his share in the building up of the present business, and, in addition, takes a lively part in the general business life of his community. He is a member of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce.

In 1930 Vernon Sheley married Bertha Glover, of Beacon, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Marilyn F., born August 14, 1932. 2. Bette Jane, born September 4, 1938.

HARRISON M. HAVERBECK—A resident of Carmel, Harrison M. Haverbeck is vice-president and a director of the Modern Industrial Bank, of New York City.

Mr. Haverbeck was born November 14, 1888, in Dobbs Ferry, New York, son of Gustave and Catherine (Nissen) Haverbeck. His father was a horticulturist in Tarrytown, and is now deceased.

Public schools of Dobbs Ferry provided Harrison M. Haverbeck's early education through the high school grades. Graduated from high school there in 1905, he then took a postgraduate course at Haverstraw High School, where he was graduated in 1906. In that year he won a state scholarship from Rockland County to Cornell University, where, accordingly, he became a student and so continued until his graduation in 1910, when he received the Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1911, Mr. Haverbeck practiced in New York City and Tarrytown from that year until 1926.

Then, entering the banking business in New York City in that year, he has continued down to the time of writing as vice-president and a director of the Modern

Industrial Bank here. In 1933 he became a partner in R. W. Proctor & Company, Inc., dealers in government bonds. He is interested, in spare time, in farming, and owns a farm property in Putnam County and takes a lively interest in Putnam County affairs. He is chairman of the Civil Service Commission of this county, to which he moved in 1926. He also is fond of golf and is a member of the Mahopac Golf Club and its treasurer at the time of writing. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Solomon's Lodge, of Tarrytown.

Mr. Haverbeck is married. His son, Harrison Donald Haverbeck, born in 1913, in Tarrytown, is a graduate of Columbia University, a lieutenant in the navy, engaged in the service of his country in the Second World War.

JOHN L. STANTON—Rated as one of the outstanding business men and financiers of Central Valley, New York, John L. Stainton has, during the decade that he has been a citizen of this town, risen to the presidency of the Central Valley National Bank, and is one of the well recognized authorities in his field of endeavor. He is a native of Chester, Pennsylvania, born October 24, 1898, and was educated in the schools of his birthplace, and Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1922, a Bachelor of Arts.

After being variously employed, Mr. Stainton moved to Central Valley, New York, where he became cashier of the Central Valley National Bank. A year later he was made executive vice-president and cashier, and since 1940 he has been head of this important institution.

In April, 1943, The Central Valley National Bank passed its thirty-second milestone, for it was incorporated thirty-two years ago on April 14, 1911, and has been serving efficiently Woodbury and the surrounding communities for three decades. When the bank was organized and opened in the building now occupied by the Central Valley Post Office, H. D. Ford, now head of the H. D. Ford General Store, was president. The original directors were George Cornell and Edward Cornell, H. D. Ford, Charles W. Florence, J. M. Barnes, D. H. Sprague, George W. Birdsall, H. F. Pembleton and Cortland Linkroum.

Since 1911 four capable men have served as president of the bank. They were H. D. Ford, George Cornell, who was the first cashier, Dr. Theodore W. Neumann and John L. Stainton, who was made president in 1939, after having served since 1932 as cashier and executive vice-president. Ida Cornell has been with the bank since its organization and has been a valuable member of the bank's staff. She was made assistant cashier of the institution in 1919.

In the first statement issued on June 7, 1911, assets were shown at \$53,408.30 and capital stock, \$21,220. Assets at the end of 1911 reached \$96,535.10 and have steadily grown. The present directors are Howard Bar-



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ton, Jr., George D. Cornell, Fred S. Florence, Arthur M. Hazell, Alan W. Hollenbeck, Norman C. Lawson, John L. Stainton and Joseph C. Burrow, Jr., who is also assistant cashier. The officials are John L. Stainton, president; Howard Barton, Jr., cashier; George D. Cornell, secretary, and Ida Cornell, assistant cashier.

On June 20, 1925, John L. Stainton married Katherine Cornell, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Katherine, born October 22, 1929. 2. Sally, born March 27, 1931. 3. Edward C., born December 6, 1933. 4. David H., born January 10, 1935.

JOHN A. SMITH—Long a widely known resident of Middletown, John A. Smith is now retired from his active association with the Middletown & Unionville Railroad.

Mr. Smith was born October 19, 1866, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, son of Philip M. and Anna (Dingledine) Smith. His father was long successfully engaged in the shoe industry.

Public schools provided John A. Smith's early formal education. He soon turned his attention to the railway industry, with which he was associated thereafter, continuing active along these lines until his retirement in 1939. In 1913 he came to Middletown from the Panama Canal Zone to investigate the possibilities of building up the Middletown & Unionville Railroad, which had at that time passed into the hands of a receiver. Previously the railroad had been the property of the New York & Susquehanna Railroad system. The thirteen and one-half miles of track were originally laid in 1868, and the road was highly successful until overland transportation by motor truck absorbed much of the milk and dairy business that had been its main support. Mr. Smith was able to interest a number of local wealthy business and professional men in the railroad, with the result that, under his guidance and direction, it again enjoyed many years of prosperity and still carries on its work under the wise policies laid down by him and those working under his direction.

After the road was reorganized, Charles I. Henry became its president; Gerry Townsend, treasurer; and Mr. Smith, vice-president and general manager, later becoming president. Then Whitman R. Durland succeeded him, continuing as president until his death. At the time of writing a president remains to be elected. Mr. Smith is also interested in other business enterprises, including the Silver Springs Improvement Corporation and the Silver Lake Homes Company, of both of which he is president. He is a member of the Middletown Club and the Panama Canal Society.

In 1889 John A. Smith married Caroline Ferg. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret, wife of O. B. Fellows. 2. Philip F., married Elizabeth Aiken. 3. John A., Jr., who married Maybelle Spooner. 4. Caroline L., wife of W. R. Durland. 5. Adam

L., married Gladys Slinger. 6. Theodore B., who married J. Jewett. At the time of writing John A. Smith has thirteen grandchildren.

JAMES L. GILLEN—One of the long established business concerns of Port Jervis, Orange County, is the Gillen Coal Company, of which James L. Gillen, of the third generation to be identified with the business, has been owner and operator for the past twenty years. Like those of his family who have gone before, he has been an exemplar of constructive citizenship, who has rendered valuable service to the community in public and private capacities.

He was born in Port Jervis, New York, May 22, 1887, son of James P. and Elizabeth (Carpenter) Gillen, both of whom are now deceased. James P. Gillen was long engaged in the coal business which had been established by his father, Peter Gillen, in 1880, three successive generations of the family now having conducted this enterprise.

After attending the public schools of his birthplace, Port Jervis, James L. Gillen entered the employ of the Gillen Coal Company, and in 1926 upon the death of his father became sole owner.

Mr. Gillen as a public spirited citizen takes an active part in civic affairs in Port Jervis. He was county supervisor from the fourth ward of Port Jervis for twenty-four years, and for many years served on the highway committee. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 645. His favorite club is the Port Jervis Country. He attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

At Port Jervis, New York, November 16, 1916, James L. Gillen married Elizabeth Clancy, of Port Jervis, daughter of James Clancy and Mary Malloy Clancy. Mr. and Mrs. Gillen are the parents of a daughter, Helen G., who married Benjamin W. Murray, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have two daughters, Gillen and Nanne.

HENRY G. ARFMANN—As a partner in the law firm of Faulkner, Wiggins and Arfmann, of Middletown, Henry G. Arfmann occupies a position of leadership and high standing in the community and district.

Mr. Arfmann was born July 13, 1905, at Wallkill, New York, son of John H. and Doris (Kortkamp) Arfmann. His father was a farmer.

Public schools of Middletown provided Henry G. Arfmann's early formal education through the high school grades, and he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. For his professional studies he went to the law school of Columbia University, in New York City, there receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1930. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1931, he took up his professional practice, which he continues today in

association with the law firm of Faulkner, Wiggins and Arfmann. He serves as attorney for the National Bank of Middletown and for a number of other leading institutions here, as well as for many individuals.

In politics he is a staunch Republican and a supporter of his party's policies and principles. He belongs to the Middletown Bar Association, of which he is a past secretary, and is also a member of the Orange County Bar Association, the Bar Association of the city of New York and the New York State Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Alpha Sigma Phi society. He belongs to the Middletown Club.

In 1934, in Middletown, New York, Henry G. Arfmann married Helen Zelzer. They became the parents of two children: 1. Nancy, born February 23, 1936. 2. Betty, born August 21, 1938.

ROBERT KRISTELLER—Supervising principal of Carmel High School, Carmel, New York, Robert Kristeller is a descendant from an old New York State family, dating from before Revolutionary War days. His mother, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, traces her lineage to Cornelius Van Wagenen, who fought for American independence. His paternal grandfather was a Methodist minister of the New York Eastern Conference. The son of this record is a junior member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 26, 1910, Robert Kristeller is a son of Frederick William and Ora (Atkins) Kristeller, his father being a retired attorney-at-law, who operates a summer resort and is interested in farming. Supervising Principal Kristeller received his elementary and secondary school education from a Flatbush (Brooklyn) grammar school, and the Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School, from which he was graduated in 1929. Matriculating at Colgate University, New York State, he secured the degree of Bachelor of Arts, class of 1933. While at Colgate Mr. Kristeller was active in both athletic and non-athletic activities, receiving awards in both extra-curricular and scholastic fields of endeavor. He was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and steward in his senior year, recipient of the Colgate Activity Award and winner of the David B. Jutten French prize for highest marks in the senior comprehensive examinations. He was alumni editor of the *Salmagundi*, the university yearbook, business manager of *Minor Publications*, secretary of the Education Club and president of the campus stewards' organization, in addition to participating in baseball, basketball and soccer.

In 1933, Mr. Kristeller attended Teachers College, Columbia University, majoring in French and school administration. Since receiving his Master of Arts degree from Columbia in 1934, Mr. Kristeller has taken addi-

tional courses in Columbia and New York University, in school administration.

In the community of Carmel Mr. Kristeller is vice-president of the Literary Union and chairman of its executive committee, a director of the Reed Memorial Library, and a member of Drew Methodist Church. He has also been active in the civilian war effort, as local census supervisor, member of the auxiliary police, aircraft warning service and a member of various civic committees. Mr. Kristeller also operates a two hundred-acre dairy farm and summer resort known as Dreamland Farm, situated at Kyserike, Ulster County.

At Brewster, New York, on December 8, 1934, Robert Kristeller married Evelyn Donley, daughter of Herman H. and Evelyn (Stabler) Donley. Mr. and Mrs. Kristeller are the parents of two children: 1. Sara Ann, born April 12, 1936. 2. Frederick William Kristeller, II, born June 30, 1937.

HAROLD C. STORM—Since 1936 Harold C. Storm has been district superintendent of public schools in Putnam County, with headquarters in the County Office Building, in Carmel.

Mr. Storm was born January 28, 1908, at Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, New York, son of Charles L. and Rose (Vermilyea) Storm. His ancestors appeared as pioneers in Dutchess County, and his father, Charles L. Storm, was born in Stormville, New York, and was a painting contractor by occupation.

Hopewell Junction schools provided Harold C. Storm's early education, and he was graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in 1924 and from the State Teachers' College at New Paltz in 1928. Meanwhile, in 1926 and 1927, he taught in a rural school at Lagrangeville, Dutchess County. In 1928, after finishing his studies at the Teachers' College, Mr. Storm took a position as supervising principal at Pleasant Valley, New York, where he remained until, in 1931, he was made supervising principal at Arlington, New York. In 1936 he left Arlington to take his present post as district superintendent of public schools for Putnam County. In this position he has rendered outstanding and useful service to the community and its people.

At the same time Mr. Storm has shown a deep interest in general educational affairs on a broader scale and in the civic life of his county. He is a member of the New York State Teachers' Association, the New York State Association of District Superintendents and the National Education Association. He is chairman of the troop committee of Fenimore Cooper Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Formerly Mr. Storm served as chairman of the Putnam County Junior Red Cross. He is also active in the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department. During the years of his teaching and administrative work, Mr. Storm took special studies at New York University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1932 and that of Master of Arts in

1934. At the time of writing he is doing his work for the Doctor of Education degree at New York University.

He aided notably in the furtherance of war bond drives in Putnam County, especially the third and fourth drives, during the Second World War. Mr. Storm is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary educational fraternities, a past president of the Delphic Fraternity and of the Alumni Association, both of which he joined at the State Teachers' College at New Paltz, as well as of the Mahopac-Carmel Rotary Club, of which he is now a director. He also belongs to Mahopac Methodist Church, of Lake Mahopac, New York, and is a member of the church board. In spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing as favorite sports.

At Hopewell Junction, New York, February 12, 1929, Harold C. Storm married Mildred Drymon, daughter of James and Naomi (Edwards) Drymon. Mrs. Storm is a graduate of the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and is active in Red Cross work and church affairs, as well as in the Parent-Teacher Association. The Storms are parents of two children: 1. Martha Jean, born December 9, 1931, at Pleasant Valley. 2. Richard Harold, born July 30, 1937, at Mahopac Falls.

BRADFORD KLOCK—Since 1929 Bradford Klock has been engaged in a general practice of law in Carmel.

Mr. Klock, who also serves as Putnam County attorney, was born November 20, 1899, in Mohawk, Herkimer County, New York, son of the late Willis J. and Gertrude (Price) Klock. His father, a cabinetmaker by trade, was also engaged in the lumber business, buying up extensive timberland tracts and selling them. Both parents were natives of Otsego County.

Public schools of Cooperstown, New York, provided Bradford Klock's early formal education. He was graduated from Cooperstown High School, and then taught school and later attended college in Pennsylvania. In 1923 he entered the Albany Law School, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1926. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1928, he began his practice in Brooklyn, New York, where he remained through 1928 and a part of the following year. In 1929, as indicated above, Mr. Klock entered upon an active practice of law in Carmel, where he continues down to the time of writing, engaging in professional work of a general character covering all branches and phases of his profession.

To his other activities he has added extensive public service. Since his appointment in 1936, he has served as county attorney of Putnam County. He formerly served as school director of the town of Carmel. He was also instrumental in the construction of the village water system at Carmel. He belongs to the law fraternity of Gamma Eta Gamma and is a past president of the Mahopac-Carmel Rotary Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Otsego Lodge, No. 138.

Among his other activities, he is a vestryman of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Brewster. In leisure time he is fond of golf and gardening.

Bradford Klock married, November 17, 1933, in North Bennington, Vermont, Helen Monta, who was a teacher of French at the Carmel High School for several years and who is native of Bennington, daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Daniels) Monta. They became the parents of the following children, all born in Bennington, Vermont: 1. Conrad, born June 1, 1935. 2. Janet, born March 10, 1939. 3. Helen, born January 12, 1941. 4. Alice, born May 13, 1942.

ROBERT O. WILKOC—Extensively engaged in the drug business, Robert O. Wilkoc conducts a drug store and luncheonette in Carmel, where he deals also in related items.

Mr. Wilkoc was born February 25, 1909, in New York City, son of August and Anna M. (Safarik) Wilkoc. His father, long a resident of Tuckahoe, New York, was associated with the Railway Express Agency for many years, serving as superintendent in charge of the company's vehicle division in New York City.

Robert O. Wilkoc received his first formal education in elementary schools in New York City, continuing in Tuckahoe schools after removing there with his family at the age of eight years. Graduated from Waverly High School, Tuckahoe, in 1926, he then entered the school of pharmacy of Fordham University, New York City, where he received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1928. From 1929 to 1932 he taught pharmacy at Fordham. He also served an apprenticeship in the drug trade in Tuckahoe and Bronxville stores. In 1935 he established his own business in Carmel, and throughout this region of Putnam County Mr. Wilkoc is still widely known and honored as a druggist.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Wilkoc is a member of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association and the National Pharmaceutical Association, while he was active in the defense organization in this region of New York State, being a member of the Civil Air Patrol of White Plains, Westchester County, for service in the Second World War. He belongs also to the Carmel Country Club, of Carmel, and enjoys golf as a spare-time occupation. Aviation is a special hobby of Mr. Wilkoc. He won, in 1934, Putnam County's first golf championship. He is also interested in religious affairs as a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In Ridgefield, Connecticut, September 11, 1937, Robert O. Wilkoc married Mary Ryan, born in Ridgefield, Connecticut, daughter of William P. and Ethel (McGlynn) Ryan, natives of New York City and Ridgefield respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkoc became the parents of the following children: 1. Patricia Ann, born May 27, 1938. 2. Jeanne Marie, born August 11, 1940, in Mount Kisco Hospital. The family resided in Carmel at the time of her birth.

EVERETT H. BENNETT—Carrying on an extensive real estate business in Mahopac, Everett H. Bennett is one of Putnam County's widely known and beloved citizens.

Mr. Bennett was born August 24, 1877, in Kent, Putnam County, son of Coleman and Hannah (Williams) Bennett, both of whom are now deceased, their remains being interred in Carmel. His father was a farmer in Kent.

Public schools of the village of Carmel furnished Everett H. Bennett's early formal education, and he early became engaged in his own general contracting business in Mahopac, town of Carmel, so continuing for fifteen years. Between 1896 and 1898 he conducted the old Cole House, a noted hotel in Mahopac. From 1898 to 1913 he was engaged in a general contracting business. Then, in 1913, he took up real estate work, in which he has been engaged in Mahopac on an ever-increasing scale.

Widely known throughout Putnam County and this region of New York State for his many-sided attainments, Mr. Bennett is a member of the Putnam County Real Estate Board and the New York State Realty Board. He is deeply interested in everything having to do with the improvement of his community and county and their institutions, and is especially fond of the Putnam County countryside and the healthful outdoor life that it affords. He does considerable hunting and fishing, these activities comprising, with him, a sort of special hobby.

Everett H. Bennett married, December 21, 1896, in Brewster, New York, Hattie M. Post, a native of Kent, in Putnam County, daughter of Charles Post and Mary Post. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Fred C. Bennett, born in Mahopac in July, 1899, now proprietor of the Village Barn, in Mahopac; he married Levina White, and they became the parents of a son, Frederick E. Bennett, who at the time of writing is with the army air corps for service in the Second World War, being a sergeant and an instructor at Columbia, South Carolina. 2. Ethel Bennett, who died in 1929. 3. Cora Mae, born in 1908, wife of Thomas Whiting and mother of their children, Joan, Wanda, and Mary Joy Whiting, now attending high school in Mahopac; Mrs. Whiting is a graduate of Ossining Graduate Hospital and is superintendent of the Mahopac Emergency Hospital. All three children are graduates of grammar and high schools in Mahopac.

JOHN J. McNULTY—A native and lifelong resident of Carmel, county seat of Putnam County, John J. McNulty has been connected with some form of transportation since his youth. In this he followed to a certain extent in the footsteps of his father, who was a manufacturer of wagons and race carts at Carmel, a gentleman held in high esteem by the people of the community. The difference in ages accounts for the fact that the elder man was interested in horse-drawn vehi-

cles, and the son of this record was interested in the "horseless carriage" and attained prominence in the field of the automotive industry.

John J. McNulty was born in Carmel, New York, May 3, 1891, son of John J. and Mary B. (Brady) McNulty. His father died in 1915. The son attended the grammar and high schools of his community, and then decided that the time had come when the gasoline (or steam) driven car was due to become the most popular means of road travel. This was almost forty years ago when the automobile was neither well known nor considered practical for the use of the ordinary man.

Since 1906, Mr. McNulty has been identified with the sales and service of motor cars, of automobile accessories, and of the distribution of petroleum products. Good citizenship has been one of his public characteristics. In business his name stands for integrity and enterprise. He attends the Catholic Church. His favorite diversion is fishing.

At Brewster, New York, April 24, 1916, John J. McNulty married Anna F. Ward, daughter of Michael and Bridget Mary Ward. Mr. and Mrs. McNulty have one son; John J., Jr., born June 27, 1919, a graduate of Brewster High School, and of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, class of 1943. He now holds the rank of first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

ARTHUR S. HOFFMAN—From an editorial career in association with many of the Nation's leading magazines, Arthur Sullivan Hoffman has come to his present work as a professional critic and teacher of fiction. Making his home in Carmel, Putnam County, he has been able to give invaluable advice, help and criticism to younger writers, who have regarded with wholehearted devotion and gratitude the teacher who has made possible their professional achievement.

Mr. Hoffman was born September 28, 1876, in Columbus, Ohio, son of Ripley Christian and Mary Eliza (Sullivan) Hoffman.

After completing his preliminary education, Arthur S. Hoffman became a student at Ohio State University, in Columbus, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1897; later he took postgraduate studies in English at the University of Chicago in the academic year 1902-03. Then followed experience in teaching and as editor of a country weekly newspaper. This kind of work provided him an opportunity for gaining valuable experience of a sort that served him well throughout the editorial career that was rapidly taking shape. Between 1902 and 1910 Mr. Hoffman held different editorial positions, working with the "Chautauquan," "Smart Set," "Watson's," "Transatlantic Tales," "Delineator" and "Adventure." From 1911 to 1927 he was editor of "Adventure." In 1919 and 1920 he also edited "Romance." Then, in 1927 and 1928, until his retirement from active

editorial work, he was editor of "McClure's Magazine."

Since 1929 he has carried on his work as critic and teacher of fiction writing, in which he has been eminently successful. He belongs to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa. He was a founder of the first American Legion in 1914. To his other activities Mr. Hoffman has added a great deal of writing on his own account, being author of "Fundamentals of Fiction Writing," published in 1922; "Fiction Writers on Fiction Writing," 1923; "Writing of Fiction," 1934; "Fiction Writing Self-Taught," 1939; and many magazine articles and stories.

Arthur Sullivant Hoffman married, October 14, 1905, Mary Denver James, who died August 17, 1910. They became the parents of a child, Lyne Starling Sullivant Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman married (second), August 5, 1915, Mary Emily Curtis.

FRANK QUINCY NICHOLS—The contribution of Frank Quincy Nichols to Putnam County business life has been an important one. He is engaged in the building and contracting business in Carmel, where he has in recent years carried on at the same time an extensive hardware firm, the Nichols Hardware Store.

Mr. Nichols was born March 4, 1895, in Carmel, New York, son of Charles Edwin and Anna Belle (Dykeman) Nichols. His father, born in Carmel, was formerly sheriff of Putnam County. He was a cattle dealer and farmer, outstanding in his work in this county. The Nichols family is an old and noted one in Carmel, dating back to Revolutionary times.

Public schools of Carmel provided Frank Quincy Nichols' early formal education. He was graduated from Carmel High School in 1913, then entered the Michigan School of Forestry. After graduation there, he served for a time in the Michigan woods as assistant logging superintendent for a lumber firm, so continuing between 1915 and 1917. When the United States entered the First World War, he enlisted in the 10th Engineer Corps of the Army, serving as a private and being promoted to lieutenant in the course of two years of overseas service. Honorably discharged in July, 1919, he returned to the lumber business, coming to Carmel, in Putnam County, where, between 1919 and 1921, he operated a portable sawmill. From 1921 to 1923, inclusive, he was with Henry Disston & Sons, saw manufacturers, of Philadelphia, as a sales representative. In 1923 and 1924 he was with the Dutton Lumber Company, in Poughkeepsie, New York, acting as superintendent of yards. It was in 1924 that Mr. Nichols entered the building and contracting business, in which he has continued in Carmel down to the time of writing.

In addition to this work, he established the Nichols Hardware Store in this place in 1938. Carmel has greatly benefited from his contribution to business life here, although Mr. Nichols' services have extended far beyond this sphere. He is prominent in many organiza-

tions, among them the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Croton Lodge, in Brewster, and the American Legion, in which he was formerly vice-commander of his post. In spare time he is fond of outdoor life, particularly fishing.

In Carmel, New York, in July, 1919, Frank Quincy Nichols married Elsie G. Carver, daughter of Wallace C. and Margaret L. (Hall) Carver and a descendant of Captain John Carver, who came to Plymouth, Massachusetts, at an early period in colonial history. Mrs. Nichols died in 1938. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Lieutenant Clarence Carver, born in Carmel in July, 1920, studied in public schools here through the high school grades, then entered Bucknell University, commissioned a lieutenant, senior grade, in the navy for service in the Second World War, in 1941, now on active duty in the Pacific offensive, being attached to the famous cruiser "Salt Lake City," with which he was active in the Coral Sea engagement. 2. Charles Edwin, born October 12, 1922, in Carmel, studied in public schools through the high school grades, now with the navy as first class storekeeper; before entering the service, he operated the Nichols Hardware Store, established by his father, in Carmel. Charles Edwin Nichols married Grace Davidson, of Carmel, daughter of Bruce Davidson. She was graduated from the School of Nursing of Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, in 1944. 3. Brice Quincy, born in September, 1927, in Carmel, attended Carmel schools and high school.

ERNEST W. GREENE—The name Greene has long been associated with the Carmel section of Putnam County, New York, even as it was at an earlier period with New England. The old Greene homestead, on which several generations were born and reared to maturity, is in existence in the county. Ernest W. Greene, prominent business man of the county seat, was born in Carmel, June 13, 1896, son of Frank L. and Mary (Hall) Greene. His father, a native of this locality, was interested in agriculture all his life. His wife lives in the community.

Ernest W. Greene started life as a farm boy and early realized the hardships and inadequate rewards of the agriculture of his day, and decided to pursue some other career. He attended local public schools, and was graduated from the famous Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, with the class of 1917. His studies, in this connection, were of great value to him, for he met and made friends of young men from all over the nation, and was impressed with ideas that broadened his horizon and that later influenced civic activities.

Like many of his generation, Mr. Greene was a soldier during World War I, for he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to a motor transport corps. After receiving his honorable discharge from the service, he reassumed his civilian activities. Before the war,

Mr. Greene had become a clerk in the Chase National Bank of New York City. After two years he was associated for a short time, with the Workmen's Compensation Bureau, in the metropolis. He also was a machinist for about a year in the Staten Island Shipyards, ultimately returning to Carmel, Putnam County, to become associated with John J. McNulty for seven years as auditor, likewise serving in varied capacities.

On June 30, 1930, with Stanley Adams, Ernest W. Greene established the Putnam Motor Sales Company, distributors of Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles, purveyors of automobile accessories and services, an exceptionally broad service to the public, of which he has since been the head and driving force. Fraternally he is affiliated with Tompkins Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Staten Island, New York, and is a Baptist in his church membership. His favorite recreations are hunting and fishing.

On July 12, 1925, at New York City, Ernest W. Greene married Sadie Hall, a native of that city, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Benedict) Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Greene are the parents of three children, all born at Carmel: 1. Russell, born April 19, 1926; enlisted in the United States Navy for World War II, and now (1945) holds the rank of petty officer, 2d class. 2. Marigrace, born March 31, 1928, now attending high school. 3. Irving, born July 5, 1931.

HENRY F. URBACH—In Carmel, Henry F. Urbach operates the Smalley Inn, a restaurant which has become a deservedly popular eating place in this community and district.

Mr. Urbach was born April 2, 1885, in New York City, son of William and Elizabeth (Elwald) Urbach. His father, born in Germany, came to America in 1882, landing in New York City, and subsequently established his own business. Active for years in the carbonated beverage industry, he was the first to introduce the modern beer pump in the United States, importing this article from Germany to make it known in the New World. He died in 1907.

Public schools of New York City provided Henry F. Urbach's early formal education, and he was graduated from Morris High School there in 1903. Becoming associated in business with his father, William Urbach, and a brother, Ferdinand Urbach, they were retail agents of the Liquid Carbonic Company, in New York, serving particularly the Long Island area. Continuing with that work from 1900 until his retirement in 1928, Henry F. Urbach then came to Carmel, in Putnam County. After the father's death, in 1907, the Urbach brothers remained in the business, conducting it under the name of H. F. & F. C. Urbach.

In 1928 Henry F. Urbach and his brother Ferdinand C. Urbach, established the Smalley Inn here. This restaurant, situated on Main Street, Carmel, is extensively

patronized by local people and visitors from other places. A sister, Luise Urbach, has also been associated with the brothers for many years in furtherance of the family business interests.

In New York City, Henry F. Urbach married Estelle Everding, who is now deceased. They became the parents of a daughter, Marion Urbach, who is the wife of Henry Duhrels, of Carmel, and the mother of their child, Estelle Marion Duhrels, born March 11, 1941, in Tannersville, New York.

ALPHA R. WHITON—From whatever standpoint one views the career of Alpha R. Whiton the impression is gained that it is interesting, varied, impressive, and of constructive value to the communities and enterprises with which he has been identified. Starting as a metallurgist, he already had turned to journalism when, as a young man, he enlisted for World War I service. Following the war, after further connection with magazine publishing, he became a resident of Putnam County, nearly two decades ago, and has been prominent in business, politics and organizational projects.

Mr. Whiton is a member of the tenth generation of the name who have been citizens of what is now the United States of America. There was a Thomas Whiton who came in 1635 from his native England to New England. The gentleman whose name heads this review, was born at Brockport, New York, December 31, 1890, son of Alpha M. and Julia D. (Child) Whiton, both now deceased and lie buried at South Byron, New York. The older man was a physician and surgeon of prominence, born in the town of Royalton, New York.

Alpha R. Whiton was educated in local elementary schools, and Batavia High School, New York, where he was graduated in 1906; Monson Academy, Monson, Massachusetts; and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. His first employment of note was as a metallurgist, and between the years 1912 and 1914 he was with the Johnstown Harvester Company, at Batavia. From 1914 to 1919, he was associated with the "Batavia Times," an influential Democratic newspaper in a region that was staunchly Republican in politics. It is probable that Mr. Whiton is a journalist at heart, and under different circumstances might have remained a newspaper man to the present day. It is worthy of note that a sister, Juliet Whiton, is associated with the Brearley School for Girls in New York City.

In 1917, Mr. Whiton was a member of the Buffalo, New York, 74th Regiment of Infantry, and subsequently was commissioned an officer and assigned to the 55th Pioneers. As a lieutenant he served overseas with this outfit. With the American Expeditionary Forces he was promoted to the command of a company of the 325th Infantry Regiment, 82d Division, which incidentally compiled the record of the longest continuous service in the

front lines of any unit abroad. He received his honorable discharge from the Army, in May, 1919.

Mr. Whiton was keenly interested in the founding of the American Legion, and active in a number of ways in its early progress. In September, 1919, he became circulating manager of the "American Legion Weekly," now published as a monthly magazine, and worked hard and long in the promotion of this highly important publication. When the headquarters and plant of the Weekly were removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Whiton resigned from the staff and engaged in other pursuits. In 1923, he purchased a residence in the town of Kent, not far distant from the county seat of Putnam County. Two years later he made his citizenship of this part of the county permanent. From 1925 to 1931 he operated in real estate in the eastern part of Putnam County, and was president of the Putnam County Estates, Inc.

Following the tradition of his ancestors, Mr. Whiton is and has been exceptionally active in the furtherance of good government and of personal public-spirited services. In 1931, he was elected a supervisor, town of Kent, an office to which he has since been returned continuously by the electorate. In 1936 he ran for Congress from the 26th Congressional District of New York State. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party, and since 1932 he has been the elected chairman of the Putnam County Democratic Committee. In 1932 Mr. Whiton was alternate delegate to the National Democratic Convention of that year, which met in Chicago, Illinois, and nominated Franklin Delano Roosevelt for his first term as President. In 1940 he was delegate to the National Democratic Convention, again at Chicago, and again supported Mr. Roosevelt for another term. As this is written in 1944, he is Delegate-at-large for New York State to the National Democratic Convention to be again held at Chicago. Mr. Whiton is a director of the Putnam County Farm Bureau, representing the board of supervisors, is a member of the Marne Post, No. 270, American Legion, and of the Carmel Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

HENRY A. HOLMES—High on the roster of the outstanding citizens of Pawling, Dutchess County, is the name Holmes. Henry A. Holmes, of the second generation, has been, for nearly a third of a century, the sole owner and directing force of the General Mercantile Company of this place, a business that is one hundred and seven years old. Its long history not only tells a tale of substantiality and faith with people well kept, but of leadership that has kept abreast of every changing development and of exceptional service to a community that extends far beyond the bounds of the town. Mr. Holmes, while being a principal contributing factor in this firm, has likewise been constantly to the fore in local

life and affairs, as banker, and civic leader, and prominent in social and humanitarian endeavors.

Mr. Holmes is a native and lifelong resident of Pawling, born there on March 9, 1877, son of Henry A. and Ruth (Shove) Holmes. His father was widely and favorably known, head of the General Mercantile Company, a vital figure in town progress and betterment. The son of this record was encouraged to obtain a sound education before he took up the responsibilities of business life. After attending the Pawling grammar and high schools, he went to the Centenary Collegiate Institute, in New Jersey, and rounded out his studies at the River-view Military Academy, New York. Eager to begin his career, he was relatively young when he became associated with his father in the long-established firm. His father died in 1908, and in 1911 Henry A. Holmes became sole owner of the General Mercantile Company. To this business he always has devoted his best energies and abilities, and it now occupies one whole block in Pawling. It is modern in every respect and comparable to the best in communities of its size and importance.

Mr. Holmes is also president of the National Bank of Pawling, a trustee of the Pawling Savings Bank, and financially interested in other companies. Good citizenship has long been a part of his philosophy of life, and his experience and judgment have frequently been drafted by the public. He has been president of the village government several times. Formerly he was president of the board of education. He is president of the local chamber of commerce, and is assistant chief of the Pawling Fire Department, an old and useful organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. He worships at the Pawling Methodist Episcopal Church, and was at one time a member of the official board. His forms of recreation have changed with the years. At one time he was captain of the football team of his school, and still retains interest in this game. Horses and bowling, however, are his favorite sports.

Henry A. Holmes married (first) Joan Gerow, of Paterson, who is deceased; they were the parents of a daughter, Margaret, who married William Gilbert, and is the mother of a daughter, Joan. Mr. Holmes married (second) Nettie M. Stone, of Pawling, and they have a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, who married Harold Rogers, United States Army.

FREDERICK J. CLUM—In 1934 Frederick J. Clum received Presidential appointment as postmaster of Pawling, a highly responsible position which he has since filled most capably in a manner that meets the approval of the residents of this pleasant Dutchess County town. He is a native of Amenia, not far north of Pawling, and was born June 2, 1894, son of Fred J. and Anna (Cunningham) Clum, his father being a hotel proprietor.

After completing a grade and high school education in his birthplace, Frederick J. Clum, the younger, entered

the employ of the New York Central Railway System, with which he was identified for a quarter of a century, formerly as a collector and later as an agent. Influential in Democratic party councils and campaigns, he once served as tax collector of Pawling, and, as indicated, has been postmaster of this place since 1934, first under appointment and in recent years under Civil Service rules. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of the Pawling Men's Club. He attends St. John's Catholic Church, and he finds recreation in reading, the radio and sports.

At Pawling, New York, in 1917, Frederick J. Clum married Margaret Murphy, daughter of Daniel J. and Mary (Herhiley) Murphy, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Fred J., Jr., born in 1921, a graduate of Pawling High School, and now, for service in World War II, aviation machinist with the United States Navy Officers' School. 2. Denis P., born in 1924, a graduate of the grade and Pawling High School, now a civil engineer with the United States Navy. 3. Mary Margaret, born in 1928, attending grade school. 4. Anna, born in 1931, attending local schools.

CHARLES E. DUSENBERRY—In both private enterprise and public service, Charles E. Dusenberry has been eminently successful. He is a highly efficient horticulturalist and dairyman. He likewise, as the county clerk of Orange County for the past eighteen years, has been equally effective in his installation of modern methods of filing and recording, winning national recognition, and the copying of his system by many officials all over the United States. These are but two illustrations of his activities, for he is a leader in a wide variety of affairs—civic, political, fraternal.

Mr. Dusenberry was born at Mt. Vernon, New York, June 8, 1896, son of Charles Alexander and Victoria (McCollum) Dusenberry, his father for many years being a highway contractor. The son of this union was educated in local public schools; Lawrence Academy, Groton, Massachusetts; and the Tome Institute, in Maryland. Charles Alexander Dusenberry was the owner of a fruit and dairy farm of more than a hundred acres, at Rock Tavern, Orange County, to which the son came after his studies and was thereafter identified with horticulture and dairying, which he learned to manage successfully along modern lines, equipment and methods. His judgment on matters of fruit growing and the production of milk is accepted over a wide area, and his progressive ideas are appreciated by fellow users of the soil.

In 1927, Charles E. Dusenberry was elected county clerk of Orange County. There have been many and marked political changes since then, but he has been retained in office continuously since, one of the most respected public servants in this part of the State. As mentioned, he installed in the county offices, modern

systems of filing and recording that worked so well that many officials from all over the country came to inspect them and returned home to advocate their introduction in their own sections. Mr. Dusenberry was also a supervisor of the town of New Windsor, New York, and was chairman of the board for two years, 1926 and 1927. In these times of global war, he was chief air warden and Deputy Director of the Civilian Defense, and member of the Orange County War Council. In other fields of activity he is executive chairman of the Orange County Fair Association, and fraternally is affiliated with Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons; the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Lodge No. 247, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Newburgh; Little Britain Grange and Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Hunting is one of his favorite recreations, and to this end he is a member of the Beamer Hunt Club, the Bethlehem Hunt Club, the Goshen County Conservation Club, and is a director of the Whippoorwill Club. He is a Rotarian, a past president of the Goshen organization, and a member of the Newburgh City Club. He attends the Goodwill Presbyterian Church.

At Goodwill, New York, in March, 1917, Charles E. Dusenberry married Mollie G. Bond, daughter of Dr. George and Mrs. Orfa (Parkinson) Bond, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Charles E., Jr., born in September 27, 1919, attended Cornell University, and was with the 20th Armored Division, United States Army on the Western Front, with the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Charles E. Dusenberry was killed in action on April 30, 1945, during the attack on Munich, Germany. The Purple Heart and Silver Star were awarded posthumously. He unhesitatingly sacrificed his life in order that one of his comrades could live. His tank was disabled and he led three of his crew through small arms fire to temporary safety and later in a position subject to enemy machine gun fire Sergeant Dusenberry, without consideration for his own safety, shielded one of his men with his body. While doing this he was killed by machine gun fire. His gallantry merited the admiration of all. 2. Richard E., born January 15, 1925, who died in 1936.

FRED C. DANIELS—Associated with the Pawling Savings Bank for many years, Fred C. Daniels is now its treasurer.

He was born April 4, 1898, in Pawling, New York, son of Fred C. and Cora L. (Chapman) Daniels, both natives of this State. His father, born in Millerton, was connected for sixteen years with the National Bank of Pawling, and served for thirty-two years as treasurer of the Pawling Savings Bank. He was a highly respected member of the Pawling community, active in local affairs, and continued his deep interest along these lines until his death in 1940. The mother, Mrs. Cora L. (Chapman) Daniels, resides in Dutchess County.



Charles E. Durenberry



Public schools provided Fred C. Daniels' early formal education, and later he attended the Packard Business College. He has devoted his entire life to banking except for seven years of association with the New York Central Railroad in a clerical capacity. He came to the Pawling Savings Bank in 1925 as a clerk, and was made its secretary in 1926. So continuing until 1940, he succeeded his father in that year as the bank's treasurer, assuming these duties on April 13 that year. He is also one of the bank's directors.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Daniels has served in public capacities, having been clerk of the village board for twelve years. For several years he was treasurer of the Baptist Church.

In 1929 Fred C. Daniels married Helen G. Green, of Pawling, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. John C., born May 2, 1931. 2. Mary L., born February 5, 1937.

JAMES F. SHERIDAN—To the progress of Pawling, and the welfare of its people, James F. Sheridan, attorney, has been an important contributor. Practically all of his life and professional career have been identified with this thriving Dutchess County town, and he has been honored with election to leadership in several of its organizations.

Mr. Sheridan was born in Pawling, April 14, 1904, son of Raymond F. and Elizabeth F. (Ragan) Sheridan. His mother died in 1930. His father lived to 1939. The son of this union early became ambitious to enter a profession and to this end prepared in public schools for matriculation at Fordham University, New York City, from which he was graduated with the class of 1926, a Bachelor of Law. That same year he was admitted to the bar in the national metropolis, and remained in New York City for five and one-half years in association with the well-known law firm of Spencer, Ordway and Wierum.

In 1932 Mr. Sheridan returned to his native Pawling, where he has since engaged in the general practice of his profession with exceptional ability and success. He has been attorney for the village of Pawling since 1932. He is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. Exemplary citizenship has been characteristic of his life in the town. He is a director of and a past president of the Pawling Rotary Club; fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Worthy Advocate and a Past Grand Knight, and he was one of the organizers of the Whortel Kill Rod and Gun Club. He also is secretary-treasurer of the Service Honor Roll of Pawling, and attends St. John's Catholic Church.

On July 25, 1934, James F. Sheridan married Teresa E. Burns, of Hopewell Junction, New York, a school teacher, and a graduate of New Paltz Normal School;

they have three daughters, Elizabeth T., born May 25, 1935, Cecelia C., born on July 7, 1943, and Loretta Ann, born on March 3, 1945.

RAY F. DALZELL—Associated with the field of newspaper work and newspaper publishing throughout his business career, Ray F. Dalzell has been owner and publisher of the "News Chronicle" of Pawling since 1919. Since the paper which he directs is one of the chief forums for exchange of opinion in the district of southeastern Dutchess County which it covers, Mr. Dalzell has become one of the civic leaders of the community. His own deep interest in this field has enabled him to be of significant service to his fellow citizens. A native of Poughkeepsie, Mr. Dalzell has long been associated with Dutchess County, throughout which he is well known. He is a member of numerous civic, social and fraternal organizations in the county.

Mr. Dalzell was born at Poughkeepsie on June 24, 1895, son of Harry J. and Lyda (Weaver) Dalzell. His father, who was long engaged in the newspaper field, died in February, 1944.

Growing up at Poughkeepsie, Mr. Dalzell attended the public schools there, receiving the customary general education. Throughout his adult lifetime, since the conclusion of his school studies, Mr. Dalzell has been in the newspaper business. Since 1919, for a period which has now passed a quarter century in duration, he has owned and published the now "News Chronicle" at Pawling. Though interested in community affairs, Mr. Dalzell has not become involved in politics, since he prefers the general advantage of the people at large to any partisan advantage.

Mr. Dalzell has been chief of the fire department at Pawling for the past twelve years, and is a former president of the Pawling Chamber of Commerce. His social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a Past Master, and in the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1917, at Poughkeepsie, Ray F. Dalzell was married to Ruth Baker. They are communicants of the Methodist Church at Pawling, in which Mr. Dalzell serves as a member of the official board, and are active together in the social and civic enterprises of the community. They are the parents of three children: 1. Beatrice. 2. Chester, who helps his father in the publication of the "News Chronicle." 3. Joan.

JULIUS BRISMAN—Among the noteworthy mercantile firms of Haverstraw, Rockland County, is that of Lichter & Brisman, that from a small enterprise grew to large proportions. One of its partners, Julius Brisman, was born in New York City, January 6, 1906, son of Louis and Rose (Teetelbaum) Brisman, of metropolitan New York, the father a manufacturer of leather goods. Both parents are now deceased.

Mr. Brisman attended the public schools of his birthplace and completed his academic education in the Seward Park (New York) High School. As a youth he began to make his own livelihood, and from 1919 to 1925 was a salesman for the Knittrue Hosiery Company, of New York City. His experience of these years taught him that the distribution of goods was as important as their manufacture and he started out for himself as a merchant at Haverstraw, Rockland County, a member of the firm of Lichter & Brisman, the other members being his sister, the former Ida B. Brisman, and her husband, Nelson Lichter. The enterprise was initiated on a small scale, and only as it rendered exceptionally good service to the public did it grow to its present high reputation. Lichter & Brisman is favorably known over a wide territory in and outside Haverstraw as outstanding in the field of infants', children's and ladies' wear. Its clients are numerous, many of years standing, and Julius Brisman is highly respected as a good friend who is genuinely interested in the service of customers and of the city in which his business activities are carried out. He is a member of B'nai B'rith, of Haverstraw, a member of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel, in this community, and a popular figure in several local organizations. He knows how to enjoy life and among his recreations are skiing and horseback riding.

In 1925, New York City, Julius Brisman married Grace Newman, and they are the parents of three children: Audrey, born in 1926; Henry, born in March, 1928, and Jerome, born in 1931.

HARRY E. FRANCE—For many years active in business affairs in Pine Bush, Harry E. France conducts the Chevrolet agency and also operates a taxi service here.

Mr. France was a son of Henry S. France, of Bloomingburg, a farmer and a sergeant of infantry in the Union forces during the Civil War, who died in 1908. The mother, Mrs. Ida (Belcher) France, was born in 1857. She came from Paterson, New Jersey.

Public schools provided Harry E. France's early education, and after finishing his studies with a business college course he was variously engaged in the business world. At one time he was active in the egg and poultry trade, operating his own establishment. After rendering military service in the First World War, he returned to civilian life and went to Detroit, Michigan, for a time with the Packard Motor Company. He was also connected with the Dodge Motor Company in Michigan. Then, returning to New York State, he was associated with James W. and Harold Stanton until 1926.

He came to Pine Bush in 1926 and entered the automobile business on his own account in that year. For a brief period Harold Stanton was associated with him in this venture. Later Mr. France and his brother, Amherst B. France, formed a partnership along the same

lines. The two men have remained together down to the time of writing. Harry E. France is widely known as operator of the only Chevrolet agency on this side of Middletown. The firm has been built up from very small beginnings, and its success is represented in the fine modern building that has been erected to house it. Mr. France's taxi business is also widely known in Pine Bush and vicinity.

In addition to his partnership in the France Motor Company and his taxi service, Harry E. France is deeply interested in fraternal affairs. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and a number of Pine Bush clubs and social organizations. He has never sought public office or preferment, feeling that his best contribution to his community would be along business lines. During the World War period of 1917-18 he enlisted and served in the cavalry forces. Later he also served in the infantry and other military branches. He was with the American Expeditionary Forces, and took part in three major offensives—the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Vosges Mountain battles. He was slightly wounded.

In 1925 Harry E. France married Barbara M. Radzinsky, of Middletown, New York, daughter of Charles and Barbara (Weaver) Radzinsky. Her father is now retired from his active business career. Mr. and Mrs. France became the parents of one daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth France, who was born in 1929.

STEPHEN WHITNEY BLODGETT—Engaged in truck farming activities in Fishkill, Stephen Whitney Blodgett occupies a position of leadership in his community's business life.

Mr. Blodgett was born May 14, 1911, in Fishkill, New York, son of William Tilden Blodgett, who was also a farmer, and his wife, Hannah Eugenia Lawrence (Whitney) Blodgett. The Blodgett family is an old and honorable one, widely known in this district of New York State. The grandfather, also named William Tilden Blodgett, purchased, in 1893, the home in which Stephen W. Blodgett now resides. This house was built by Richard Rapalje (sometimes spelled Rapelje) in 1800, and in 1940 it was restored as nearly as possible to its original size and shape.

Stephen Whitney Blodgett attended St. Paul's School, in Concord, New Hampshire, and later was a student at the Curtiss-Wright Aviation School, in Valley Stream, Long Island, where he was graduated on February 6, 1931. In 1931 and 1932 he was active in aviation as a transport pilot with the Curtiss-Wright aerial survey division. Then, in 1932, he turned to his present work as a dairy and truck farmer in Fishkill, New York, and also in Florida. He now is exclusively engaged in truck farming.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Blodgett is a member of the board of trustees of the Fishkill Sav-

ings Institute, in Fishkill. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and is active in its affairs as a member of the vestry. From July, 1942, to March, 1945, Mr. Blodgett served as first lieutenant United States Marine Corps, Photographic Officer in the photographic squadron.

On May 23, 1931, in Sharon, Connecticut, Stephen Whitney Blodgett married Marguerite Kellogg Barstow, daughter of George E. Barstow, Jr., and Bertha Kellogg (Woodruff) Barstow. They became the parents of a son, Stephen Whitney Blodgett, Jr., who was born July 2, 1934.

CHARLES A. CRIST—Long associated with banking interests, Charles A. Crist, of Maybrook, is chairman of the board of directors and cashier of the Maybrook National Bank, one of the leading financial institutions of this district.

Mr. Crist was born in 1890 in the town of Montgomery, New York, son of Frank N. and Elizabeth W. (Day) Crist. His father has been engaged for many years in agricultural operations. The mother is now deceased.

Montgomery and Walden public schools provided Charles A. Crist's early formal education, and he early turned his attention to banking and finance. From 1908 to 1912 he was associated with the Walden National Bank. Then, from 1912 to 1917, he was with the Warwick National Bank. In 1917 and 1918 he was actively engaged in defense of his country as a corporal in the American Expeditionary Forces, 310th Infantry, United States Army. After the restoration of peace and his return to civilian life, Mr. Crist became, in 1921, cashier and chairman of the board of the Maybrook National Bank, where he still so continues down to the time of writing.

He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the American Legion, the Powelton Club of Maybrook and the Dutch Reformed Church. He is treasurer of his church.

In 1916 Charles A. Crist married Marie Deming, the ceremony taking place in Warwick, New York. They became the parents of a son, John D. Crist, who was born in 1927.

WILLIAM B. ROGERS—Member of notable Hudson River Valley families, William B. Rogers is prominent in the life and affairs of the Garrison section of Putnam County, where he has made his home for practically all of his life. He is a native of Garrison, New York, born June 9, 1880, son of William Evans and Susan LeRoy (Fish) Rogers.

William Evans Rogers was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1846, and was a graduate from the West Point Military Academy, class of 1867. For a number of years he was an instructor of mathematics at West Point, and later engaged in an extensive survey of the

north shore of Lake Superior. Resigning his commission, he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and before his demise in 1913, became one of the outstanding metropolitan attorneys. William Evans Rogers married Susan LeRoy Fish, sister of Hamilton Fish and the daughter of the elder Congressman Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Ulysses S. Grant, and of his wife, the former Julia Kean.

The son of this record, William B. Rogers, was prepared for higher education by private tutors. Matriculating at Harvard University, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with the class of 1903. Later he pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Colorado. From 1903 to 1915, Mr. Rogers was connected with mining enterprises in Utah, Colorado and other western states, returning East in the latter-named year to devote himself to personal and family interests in Garrison and New York. Quite naturally he is well known both in the Hudson River Valley section, in general, and in his community and New York City. He coöperates readily with movements and organizations that work for the best interests of the town. As a clubman he is a member of the Harvard Club, the Knickerbocker Club and the Racquet and Tennis, all of New York City.

William B. Rogers married (first), in New York City, in June, 1908, Grace Chapin, and they became the parents of two children: 1. A. Chapin, born in New York City, May 18, 1909; he attended St. Mark's School, Southboro, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of Williams College; serving in China with the United States Army, Infantry Division, with the rank of major. 2. Susan Fish, who attended Greenwood School, Maryland; she married Edward MacDonald of Washington, District of Columbia, who is now serving in the Merchant Marine, with the rank of ensign. Mr. Rogers married (second), January 7, 1932, in New York City, Dorothy Thompson Curtis, daughter of the Rev. Walter Thompson of Garrison, New York. By her former marriage, Mrs. Rogers is the mother of three children: 1. Clinton Curtis, born in 1917, who married Mary Anna Barker, of Birmingham, Alabama. 2. Fuller Curtis, who enlisted for World War II, and is now serving with the United States Marine Corps, in the South Pacific, with the rank of corporal. 3. Barbara, born in 1921, who married H. Ellis Bowden, of Garrison, on October 5, 1940. Mr. Bowden is now serving overseas with the United States Air Corps, rank of first lieutenant. Lieutenant and Mrs. Bowden are the parents of two children: Gerald Ellis and Roger Curtis, both born in Garrison.

CHARLES A. COMFORT—For years active in agricultural affairs in the vicinity of Scotchtown, Charles A. Comfort is one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Comfort was born in this community April 16, 1888, son of Theodore and Keturah Anna (Sloat) Comfort and member of an old family of this region. His

father was a native of Orange County, New York, born June 26, 1849, died April 30, 1918. The mother, also born in Orange County December 26, 1859, died April 30, 1921. The family has long been engaged in farming.

Charles A. Comfort attended grade school in Scotchtown, and graduated from Middletown High School in 1908 in the same class with his brother, Newman Comfort. He later became a student at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York, where he was graduated in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Since that time he has been active in farming operations. Included in the Comfort farm property, at Scotchtown, is part of a parcel of thirty-nine acres, purchased by John McWilliams, great-great-grandfather of Charles A. Comfort, in 1785. Additional property was purchased and added to the thirty-nine acres. Theodore Comfort operated it for some years, and bought the adjoining property of ninety-five acres. The farm now consists of one hundred and ninety-three acres, devoted to general farming, although Charles A. Comfort specializes in dairy work. He has more than forty head of Holstein cattle. He is a member of the Grange, the Farm Bureau and the Dairymen's League. He is an elder, clerk of the Session, and former trustee of the Scotchtown Presbyterian Church.

On February 15, 1919, Charles A. Comfort married Anita May Bookstaver, of Montgomery, Orange County, New York, daughter of William and Margaret (Rowe) Bookstaver. Her father died in 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Comfort became the parents of the following children: 1. William Theodore, graduated from Middletown High School and Delhi Agricultural Institute; married Norma Brown Hudson, of Washingtonville, and has one daughter, Ethel May. 2. Milton E., graduated from Middletown High School and also attended Delhi Agricultural Institute; married Evelyn Esther Purchell, of Roxbury, New York, and has two children, Nancy Ellen and Susanne Marie. 3. Marion A., graduated from Middletown High School.

WALTER J. SEELEY—To Canada, Middletown, Orange County, is indebted for one of the mercantile and civic leaders, Walter J. Seeley. He came to the city with experience in an outstanding Boston, Massachusetts, firm and with the Tompkins Dry Goods Company of Middletown rose to executive posts of vice-president and general supervisor of its wide enterprises.

He was born June 11, 1885, at St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, son of Hubert Gidean and Sarah (Chew) Seeley, his father being a merchant in Newtonville, Massachusetts, in the metropolitan Boston area. Walter J. Seeley secured his education in the public and high schools of his Canadian birthplace, and in 1910 he entered the merchandising business with Gilchrist & Company, of Boston, Massachusetts. After about a year he removed to Middletown, New York, to become connected with the Tompkins Dry Goods Company as display man-

ager. This company was established in 1898 by J. W. Tompkins. In 1918 a severe fire resulted in the loss of their entire stock of merchandise. However, within ten days after the fire the concern reopened for business with three small stores. Two years later, 1920, the company moved to their present completely fireproof building. Walter J. Seeley has remained with the corporation holding various positions, until he was made vice-president and superintendent, which position he continues to hold.

Mr. Seeley takes an active part in civic and realty developments of his community. He is treasurer of the Waivakink Lake Corporation, of Walden, New York, and is a member of the chamber of commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated, as a life member, with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1097, and the Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. He enjoys all outdoor activities and is a member of the Middletown Club. He attends St. Paul's Methodist Church.

On October 4, 1911, at Middletown, New York, Walter J. Seeley married Marguerite F. Manett, daughter of Gilbert and Jane (Cauthers) Manett. Mr. and Mrs. Seeley are the parents of two children: 1. Stanley W., born August 2, 1912; a graduate of Syracuse University, class of 1935, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He formerly was with Remington-Rand in Buffalo, New York, and the Texaco Company, Inc., in Connecticut, prior to his enlistment in the United States Army, for World War II. He holds the rank of first lieutenant and is now serving overseas with General Patton's 3d Army Tank Corps. He married Emily Chamberlain, and they have a daughter, Jane C., born May 2, 1943. 2. Mildred C., a graduate of La Salle College; she married Everett W. Mabee, associated with the Calco Company, Chemical Division, at Bound Brook, New Jersey, and they have one son, Stanley Westen Mabee, born November 2, 1944.

CLYDE F. STRATTON—Since 1930 Clyde F. Stratton has been engaged in the practice of the law in Port Jervis, and has become an increasingly important figure in the affairs of this community. He was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1901, son of Fred L. and Edith (Stoddard) Stratton. His mother is deceased; his father is living retired from business.

Clyde F. Stratton obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Monticello, New York, and for his technical and professional work matriculated at Syracuse University, from which he was graduated in 1925, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1926 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from his *alma mater*. He was admitted to the bar in 1929. Mr. Stratton served as a law clerk in the office of Ivan A. Gardner at Middletown, New York, and later was with Cuddeback and Jones, of Port Jervis, until 1930, when he established his own practice of law



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in this city, and has gone on to win repute with colleagues and a large clientele.

Mr. Stratton takes a keen interest in civic affairs. He is the Government Appeal Agent for Orange County Selective Service Board for World War II; director and attorney for the Coöperative Loan Savings Institute of Port Jervis; a member of the board of education; president of Laurel Grove Cemetery, and secretary of the Minisink Valley Historical Society. In his professional affiliations he is a member of the Port Jervis Bar Association, the Orange County and New York State Bar associations. Fraternally he is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; he attends Grace Episcopal Church of Port Jervis, which he serves as clerk of the vestry.

In October, 1932, at Milford, Pennsylvania, Clyde F. Stratton married Helen E. Terhune, and they are the parents of four children: Mary H., Sarah E., Nancy J., and Clyde F., Jr.

WILLIAM H. FARNUM—For years William H. Farnum has participated extensively in the business life of Goshen, now being general manager of the Anderson Lumber Company here and in charge of all its operations. He is responsible for having built nearly ninety per cent. of all the new residences in Goshen, and he has remodeled banks and other edifices and performed a highly important work in the construction industry.

Mr. Farnum was born November 6, 1885, in Goshen, New York, son of William H. and Christina (Doss) Farnum. His father, who died in 1915, was a prominent contractor and builder, widely known in his industry.

Public schools provided William H. Farnum's early formal education, and he took a special course in architecture to prepare himself for his work as contractor and builder. He was associated with his father in the contracting business thereafter until the elder man's death in 1915. At that time he joined with his brother, Robert Farnum, in the same line of business. The brothers continued together until Robert Farnum entered the service of the United States. William H. Farnum then became connected with the Anderson Lumber Company, in Goshen, becoming general manager and acquiring sole charge of all operations. Under his guidance and direction, this company has built, as noted above, ninety per cent. of the residences in Goshen that have been erected in recent years. It has also done extensive remodeling work.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Farnum has been active in a number of civic organizations and other groups. He is a member of the Goshen Board of Trade and a member and past president of the Rotary Club, and past president of the Booster Club of Goshen. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Goshen Lodge, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Odd Fellows he is a past noble

grand of his lodge and a past district deputy. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a vestryman of his parish.

In November, 1910, William H. Farnum married Martha A. Holden, of Middletown, New York, daughter of Harold Holden and Mary (Shannon) Holden. They became the parents of two children: 1. Marian L., born in 1918, wife of Ray Veivian, and they have one daughter, Diane. 2. Robert H., born in 1921, early became deeply interested in music and conducted an orchestra in Goshen.

WILLIAM VINER—For many years a resident of Arden, William Viner is widely and favorably known in Orange County and this region of New York State. He has held many public offices and has taken his full part in the affairs of his community and district.

Mr. Viner was born January 20, 1861, in Somerset, England, son of Henry and Sarah (Card) Viner, who also were natives of England. His paternal grandparents, Harry and Elizabeth Viner, moved from the north to the west of England, and there spent the remainder of their lives.

In English schools William Viner received his early formal education. After studying in a private school, he determined to seek his fortunes in the New World, and arrived in New York City in April, 1882. He remained there for a brief period, then settled in Emporium, Pennsylvania, where he was superintendent of a blast furnace for six years. In that State he became associated with the Harriman interests. Coming to Arden, New York, in 1894, he then established in this community, in association with William A. McClennan, the Harriman Dairy, and became its general manager. For twenty-two years he continued in that position. Then, in 1916, Mr. Viner became superintendent of agriculture for the Harriman interests, capably directing the operations in this area. He is still superintendent of production on what is known as the Arden Farms.

In addition to his work along these lines, Mr. Viner has concerned himself extensively with public affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and served for a quarter of a century as road commissioner, for twenty years as treasurer of the Arden School Board, and for more than thirty years as postmaster. He is still assessor, having been so serving since about 1915. He is a strong advocate of all movements that he believes of value to the community, and his activity in the Protestant Episcopal Church has been particularly noteworthy. He has a certificate from Bishop Manning attesting his thirty-five years as warden and treasurer of his parish, and continues to be a zealous church worker. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lorillard Lodge, No. 858, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Tuxedo Park.

William Viner married, in November, 1880, Ellen Meredith, born in South Wales. They became the par-

ents of nine children: 1. Harry, of Omaha, Nebraska, who married Dell Nesley, a native of that city; they have a daughter, Eleanor Viner. 2. Elizabeth, wife of Robert Davis, of Denver, Colorado, and mother of their three sons—William Norman, Robert and Joseph Davis. 3. William, who also lives in Denver and is married. 4. Joseph, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, served as a lieutenant colonel in the army during the World War of 1914-18 and later became a member of the Ohio Reserve; while in the business world he was made vice-president of the International Printing Company, of Cincinnati, where he lives; he married Dasha Allen, daughter of Major General Henry T. Allen, of the United States Army. 5. Sarah, wife of Le Roy Earl, of Rutherford, New Jersey, and mother of their son, Richard Earl. 6. Edward, in business in Denver, married Eleanor Crawford; they have three sons—Edward, Harry and William Viner. 7. Mary, wife of Major General Robert W. Crawford, an army engineer, of Washington, District of Columbia; they have two children—Betty and Robert Crawford. 8. Harriet, wife of Colonel E. M. Sutherland; they became the parents of three children—Patricia, Nancy and Jean Sutherland. 9. Richard, became a major and served two years in the United States Army, in World War II; an inspector with the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, living in Albany; he has a son, Richard Viner, Jr.

U. L. MacBRAIR—As executive general manager of the stock brokerage house of Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades & Company, of Middletown, U. L. MacBair takes an important rôle in the life of this community and district.

Mr. MacBair was born October 26, 1894, in Middletown, New York, son of Henry Clay and Caroline A. (Hayes) MacBair. The MacBair family is an old one in southeastern New York State, the grandparents having been James and Mary (Reynolds) MacBair. Henry Clay MacBair (*q. v.*), U. L. MacBair's father, was a dentist in Middletown as early as 1890, when he was graduated from the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and immediately established himself in professional practice in Middletown. He does a great deal of bone surgery, and does his own mechanical work in his completely equipped laboratory. He is without question the dean of Middletown dentists. He married, in 1893, Caroline A. Hayes. They became the parents of two children: U. L., of further mention. 2. Henry Clay, Jr., who married Leona Nicholson; they became the parents of one child.

U. L. MacBair attended public schools in Middletown, completing his work through the high school grades. Then he became a student at Columbia University, New York City, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1918. Coming to Middletown following a period of service as second lieutenant in the Ordnance

Department of the army during the First World War, Mr. MacBair entered the brokerage business here. Various affiliations and continuing consistently along these lines, he became the organizer, in 1926, of U. L. MacBair & Company, Middletown brokerage firm. Conducting that business until 1935, he then took his present post as executive general manager of Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades & Company.

A Republican in politics, he belongs to the Middletown Club and the Sigma Nu fraternity, which he joined in his student days. In leisure time he does a great deal of fishing, and is fond of outdoor sports and healthful recreations.

In Ayer, Massachusetts, U. L. MacBair married Phyllis Brown, daughter of Nellie Leavitt and Frank Brown.

PERCY RICHARD BUTTENHEIM—Active for many years in professional, civic and social life in Middletown, Percy Richard Buttenheim practices law here and interests himself in the work of many organizations.

Mr. Buttenheim was born November 30, 1884, in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Joseph H. and Margaret (Collier) Buttenheim.

After completing his preliminary education Percy Richard Buttenheim attended high school in Madison, New Jersey, where he was graduated in 1901. He took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1907 at the New York Law School. Meanwhile, between 1901 and 1905, he was associated with the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, in New York City. Then, taking up his work in the law, he was with the law firm of Ferriss and Roeser, later known as Ferriss, Roeser and Storck, from 1905 to 1916. He then became a member of the law firm of Wiggins and Buttenheim, in the conduct of which he was associated with John L. Wiggins, so continuing until, in 1930, he began practicing law independently under his own name.

He continues today his ever-widening legal work, while at the same time he takes an active rôle in public life. He is a Republican. He has served as vice-chairman of the Orange County Planning Board. He is chairman of the Registrants Advisory Board, connected with Selective Service Board No. 306, and is chairman of the Re-employment Committee of that board. He is a member of the Middletown Club, the Black Meadow Club, the Shawangunk Fish and Game Association and the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, as well as a past president of the Orange County Golf Club, the Middletown Rotary Club and the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company (of which he is also a past foreman). He belongs to Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also affiliated with Midland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On June 3, 1913, in Middletown, New York, Percy Richard Bittenheim married Ada Wiggins, daughter of John L. and Katharine G. Wiggins.

HERBERT HOLMES COLWELL—The families of Herbert Holmes Colwell, and his wife, Grace E. Barrett, have long been identified with Putnam County as foremost citizens and promoters of the best interests of this section of New York State. After a career in the fields of banking and public utilities, Mr. Colwell retired from most business activities fifteen years ago and has since been one of the citizens of Carmel, this county.

He was born in the town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, June 4, 1884, and at a relatively early age began his commercial career with C. C. Bumford, a Carmel, Putnam County, merchant. His family had removed to the county seat when he was about three or four years old, and he attended the local public schools and the Carmel Union Free School. After some half dozen years' experience in merchandising, Herbert Holmes Colwell branched out in larger enterprises, entering the clerical department of the New York Central Railroad System. In 1905 he went to Greenwich, Connecticut, and thereafter was connected with banking and utilities. He was with the Greenwich Trust Company, at one time, and then was secretary-treasurer of the Greenwich Water Company from 1921 to 1929. It was in the latter-named year that Herbert Holmes Colwell retired, and has since made his home in Carmel.

On October 21, 1914, Herbert Holmes Colwell married Grace E. Barrett, born in the town of Southeast, New York, daughter of John Townsend and Susan Ruth (Nichols) Barrett. Her great-grandfather's farm was in the town of Southeast, although he also operated a warehouse in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell are the parents of a son, Herbert Holmes, Jr., born at Greenwich, Connecticut, November 4, 1921. He attended Haver-meyer School in Greenwich, and graduated from Carmel High School in 1940; he then entered Colgate University as a member of the class of 1944, but enlisted in the United States Army, in November, 1942, and was called in May, 1943. In 1944 he holds the rank of corporal, and is stationed at Fort McClellan in Alabama. The metropolitan newspapers of New York City announced, on February 21, 1944, the engagement of Virginia May King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnott Chiswell King, of Lake Mahopac, New York, to Herbert Holmes Colwell, Jr., of the army. Miss King is a graduate from the noted St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, New York City.

WILLIAM O. COPELAND—Three male generations of the Copeland family, all with the given name of William, have engaged in quarrying and the designing and making of monuments in Suffern and Rockland County, New York. Sole survivor of the three generations, William O. Copeland became associated with the

business and upon the death of his father became owner and operator of the firm, so well known and highly reputed in both southeastern New York, and northern New Jersey. Grandfather William Copeland was a native of Scotland, whose ancestors were seated at Tallahassie, Scotland, in the fourteenth century. The above descendant learned the stone cutting trade at Aberdeen, Scotland, and early migrated to the New World where he eventually began operating a quarry at Ramapo. Ultimately the Copeland Company was founded on August 1, 1889, in Suffern.

The second William Copeland, son of William and Margaret (McClure) Copeland, was born at Newark, New Jersey, on August 5, 1870, and was brought to Hillburn, Rockland County, at the age of nine years by his parents. Under the stern teaching of the older man, he likewise learned the trade, and at the age of nineteen years he purchased the business. Altogether these two, father and son, quarried stone and created monuments over a period of fifty-three years, during which time they were joined by William O. Copeland, with whom this record is primarily concerned. Upon the death of William Copeland (the second of the name), on June 26, 1942, his passing was widely mourned as that of a substantial citizen, civic-minded, who ever held the best interests of the community at heart and coöperated heartily for its welfare and prosperity.

William O. Copeland, son of William and Jane (Finch) Copeland, was born in Suffern, New York, May 30, 1896. He attended local grade schools, was graduated from the Suffern High School, class of 1916, and entered Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, where he was graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1920. The course of his education had been interrupted by military service during the First World War when he served as corporal with the 301st Transport Corps, American Expeditionary Forces. He was on active duty overseas from September, 1918, to July, 1919, and upon his return resumed his technical studies.

In 1921 Mr. Copeland became associated with his father in what is now the well-known monument firm of William Copeland & Son, of which he has been the owner since 1942. He has carried out the traditions of his elders for excellent products, integrity and a genuine desire to serve the best interests of clients. Likewise he is public spirited, progressive in outlook and exemplary in citizenship. He is a member of the Suffern Rotary Club, of which he was elected secretary in 1943, and president for the 1944-45 term. Fraternally he is affiliated with Ramapo Lodge, No. 589, Free and Accepted Masons, wherein he is a Past Master. He belongs to the long established Volunteer Hose Company, No. 1, of Suffern, and is a Past Commander and Past Adjutant of the Fromm Maxwell DeBaun Post, No. 859, American Legion. His vocational organizations and official connections include: Chairman of the Atlantic States

Memorial Association; former president of the Hudson Valley Monument Dealers Club, and director of the Monument Dealers of the American Association. He attends the Presbyterian Church in Suffern, and is generous in his support of religious and humanitarian projects. His favorite recreations are action photography and fishing.

William O. Copeland married Theresa L. Vogel, of Suffern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Vogel, and they have one daughter, Lucie Jane, born March 23, 1928, at Suffern, attending Suffern High School. The Copelands make their home in one of the best of the older residences in Suffern, originally the interesting old "McCann Place," built in 1845.

BENJAMIN HORTON—The word "Horton" (sometimes written "Orton" in early times) in the Anglo-Saxon language means an enclosure or garden of plants. It is said to be derived from "ort" meaning plant and "tun" meaning enclosed. The name is evidently of Latin or Roman origin and has been known in England ever since the conquest of Caesar. The headquarters of Caesar's Army was near the present Leicester, the principal town of that county, and the Horton name has been known there to the remotest period of authentic records. The Hortons in England and their descendants in America have generally been cultivators of the soil. The first of the family who emigrated to this country came over from England, 1633 to 1638. Thomas, Jeremiah and Barnabas were among the early emigrants and tradition says they were brothers. Thomas came over in 1633 and settled in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Jeremiah also settled in Massachusetts.

I. Barnabas, by tradition came over in the ship "Swallow" between 1633 and 1638, with Captain Jeremy Horton, master and owner of the ship. He was supposed to be one of the younger sons of Joseph Horton (born about 1578) who had settled in Mousely, Leicester County, and Barnabas may have emigrated to America because he had not inherited any real estate from his father. From his tombstone in the Southold Cemetery, Long Island, it is found that he "was born in Mousely, Leicestershire, Old England" and brought the stone with him when he came and wrote the inscription and epitaph which he had placed on the stone before his death. His family added his date of death "13th day of July, 1680, aged 80 years." Barnabas Horton landed first at Hampton, Massachusetts, but in 1640 he came to New Haven, Connecticut, with his wife, Mary, and two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Later in the year 1640 (October), he settled permanently in Southold, Long Island, where he was among the thirteen original Puritan settlers of that town and one of its patentees in 1676. Here he died, one of the most prominent and influential men of the town. He was for many years a magistrate and several times a member of the general court at New Haven and Hartford. The fact that he brought his tombstone with

him from England might indicate a desire to see that his name and memory should not perish from the earth. It can still be seen in the Southold Cemetery in a good state of preservation. He is the ancestor of the Orange County, New York, branch of the family who are descendants of several of his daughters and of his four sons, Joseph, Caleb, Joshua and Jonathan Horton mentioned in his will made March 4, 1680, proved May 10, 1680, recorded in New York City. He supposedly married (first), in England, February 8, 1621, Anne Smith. He married (second), before 1635, Mary, who accompanied him to America with his two sons, Joseph and Benjamin, who were presumably children of his first wife. His other seven children were born in Southold, Long Island, and were mentioned in his will as follows: Caleb; Joshua; Hannah, wife of Barnabas Terrill; Sarah, wife of Joseph Conklin; Mary, wife of Joseph Budd; Mercy, wife of Christopher Youngs; and youngest son, Jonathan, of whom further.

II. Jonathan Horton, born about 1648 in Southold, Long Island, and died there February 23, 1707, married about 1672, Bethia Wells, born 1655, died April 14, 1733, daughter of William Wells, another one of the thirteen settlers of Southold, Long Island. He resided with his father and inherited the homestead. He was called "Captain" as he was the first captain of the first company of cavalry ever organized in Suffolk County, New York. His death date is inscribed on the tombstone of his father, Barnabas Horton, in the Southold Cemetery. In his will made February 21, 1707 (two days before his death) he mentioned his wife, Bethia, as executrix with his two oldest sons, Jonathan and William, as executors and other children mentioned were: James; deceased son Caleb, (son Jonathan); Bethia, wife of Henry Tuthill; Mehitable, wife of Daniel Tuthill; widow Mary Goldsmith, probably widow of Zacheus Goldsmith, married secondly David Horton; deceased son, Barnabas; and Abigail and Patience Horton.

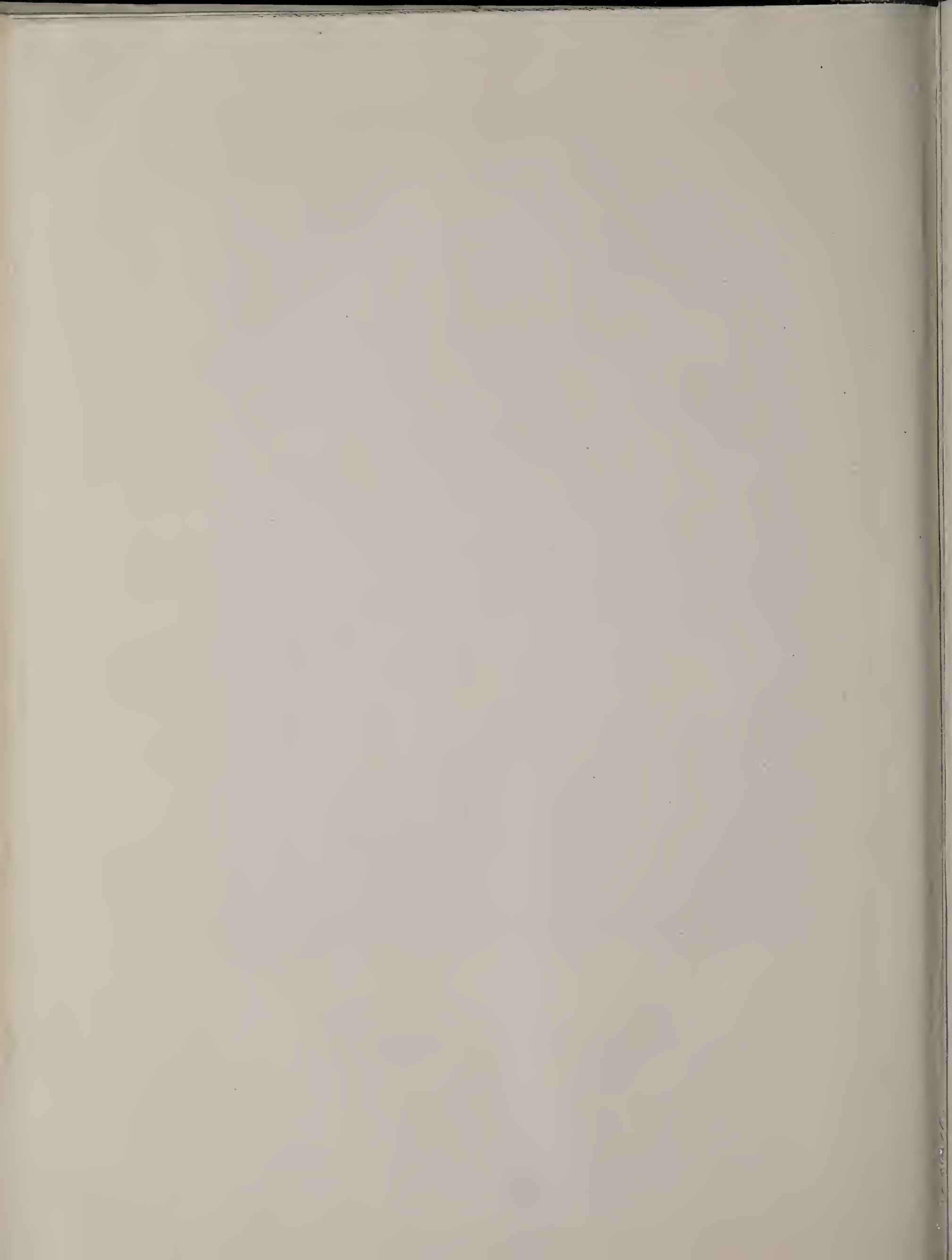
III. William Horton, son of Jonathan and Bethia Wells Horton, was born 1677 in Southold, Long Island, where he died September 26, 1728. He married (first) there, December 31, 1702, Christiana Youngs. He married (second), Mary, whom he mentioned in his will dated August 17, 1728, with his children, William, Jr.; Moses, of whom further; Micah, Mary, Mercy, Phebe, Mehitable and Bethiah. He mentioned also his brothers, Jonathan and James, and Uncle Joshua Horton and his mother in his will.

IV. Moses Horton, born about 1705, in Southold where, according to family data, he married Mary Sweezy and left at least one son, Micah, who moved to Orange County, New York, after 1763, presumably.

V. Micah Horton, born about 1730, died supposedly in Minisink, Orange County, New York, before 1790. He married (first), January 25, 1749, Bethia Tuthill, in Southold. He married (second), September 5, 1763,



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widow Mehitable Cleveland Young, in Southold, Long Island. He came to Orange County, New York, before the Revolutionary War, in which he served from March 1 to May 31, 1776, as private in Captain David Goffrey's Company, 2d New York Regiment under Colonel James Clinton. His son, William, also served in the Revolution with him. He had five children by his first wife, Bethia Tuthill: 1. Henry, born in 1750 on Long Island, died in Minisink in January, 1814. Letters of administration were issued January 24, 1814, to his son-in-law, John Lain, of Minisink. Henry Horton's name is found in the 1800 census of Minisink. He married Margaret Kimber, born 1751, died 1846. They had seven children, only four of whom grew to maturity: Sally, wife of John Lane; Moses; Bethia; and Mahala, wife of John Polly. 2. Daniel Tuthill, married Olive Beebe. They had one son, Micah. 3. William Horton, of whom further. 4. Bethia, born about 1760. 5. Benjamin, born about 1762, married Anna Horton. By his second wife he had a daughter, Hannah, and a son, James Horton.

VI. William Horton was born December 25, 1757. The Horton Genealogy states he was born in Minisink, Orange County, New York, but his father married the second time in 1763 in Southold, Long Island and so it seems more probable that William was born in Southold. Nothing definite has been proven about his birthplace. He died, in Minisink, Orange County, New York, December, 1811-12, where he was a farmer and letters of administration were issued June 30, 1813, to his son-in-law Parshall Howell, and friend, William Lain. He married (first) Hannah Crossman and had four children: 1. Julia, 1782-1807. 2. Henry, 1783-1848. 3. Bethia Brundage. 4. Hannah Ferguson, 1786-1878. He married (second), about 1791, Elizabeth Masters, born March 21, 1757, daughter of James Masters and Patience Walling. They had five children as follows: 1. William, Jr., 1792-1806. 2. Susan, 1793-1876, unmarried. 3. Elizabeth, 1795-1863, married Parshall Howell. 4. Mehitabel, 1798-1863, married Joseph Doty. 5. Benjamin, of whom further.

VII. Benjamin Horton, born March 20, 1801, died October 27, 1865, in Minisink, where he was a farmer. He married, June 22, 1822, Mehitabel Reeves, born January 1, 1803, died December 23, 1885, daughter of Howell Reeves and Elizabeth Wood. His will, on file in Goshen, New York, was made December 16, 1863, probated November 22, 1865, and mentioned wife, Mehitabel, and five children as follows: 1. William, born February 20, 1825, married, 1844, Emelia S. Clark. They had eleven children. 2. Charles Wood, born May 9, 1827, married, 1869, Elizabeth E. Post. He was a druggist in Goshen, New York, and died in 1904, leaving no children. 3. Howell Reeves, of whom further. 4. Henry Albert, born August 29, 1832, died March 14, 1910, in Goshen, married (first), in 1866, Fanny Owen. He married (second), in 1885, Ada A. Reamer, who died in 1903. He was cashier in the Goshen National Bank for some years before his

death. 5. Mary Elizabeth, born October 27, 1839, married (first), November, 1859, Floyd Halstead, who died December, 1859. She married (second), in 1866, Colonel Isaac C. S. Andrews, who died 1867. She lived for many years in Passaic, New Jersey, but died in Goshen, New York, in 1898, at the home of her brother, Charles W. Horton. She had no children.

VIII. Howell Reeves Horton, born September 24, 1829, near Westtown, Orange County, New York, died January 21, 1910, at the Horton Homestead, which he built in 1866 near Johnson, Orange County, New York. He owned a large farm of about three hundred acres, which was in the family until 1944. He married, December 7, 1858, Julia Totten Knapp, daughter of Nathaniel and Sophia Brundage Knapp of Minisink, New York, born August, 1838, died September 14, 1921. Their eight children were as follows: 1. Ida, 1860-1911, unmarried. 2. Ruth, 1861-1942, unmarried. 3. Cora, 1864-1931, unmarried. 4. Benjamin, of whom further. 5. Mary, 1869-1936, married, in 1891, Clarence G. Clark, a feed merchant of Westtown, New York. They had two children: Hulett D., and Julia Knapp Dickson. 6. Albert, born in 1871, married in 1906, Rose Evans and is now living in 1945, in Westtown, New York. They have no children. 7. Fanny, 1874-1944, married, in 1905, Robert Evans Sayer, of Westtown, New York. They had three children: Jonathan Evans; Albert Horton, killed in the Philippines, in 1944; Frances Mary. 8. Julia, born in 1877, is living in Unionville, New York, a retired school teacher, having taught in Passaic, New Jersey, many years. She is unmarried.

IX. Benjamin Horton, fourth-named of the above children, was born September 6, 1866, in Johnson, New York, and died suddenly after an illness of twenty-four hours at his home in Middletown, New York, June 4, 1942. The Horton home, where he was born, was built earlier in the same year, 1866, by his father. Benjamin Horton received his early formal education at the Smith Village district school, near his home, and at Fort Edward Academy, Fort Edward, New York. Married in 1890, he was engaged in farming operations for four years thereafter on the farm of his maternal grandfather, Nathaniel Knapp, near Johnson, New York. Mr. Horton gave up that work, however, to turn his attention to the coal and feed business. Establishing his own enterprise along these lines in Middletown in 1894, he afterward opened a branch in New Hampton. In those communities Mr. Horton witnessed and participated in numerous changes in the feed business over a period of forty-eight years. His New Hampton mill was situated midway between his home in Middletown and Goshen, scene of the famous Hambletonian races, and his own business and the character of everything that happened in the community were naturally colored by this situation.

Mr. Horton himself became a harness racing enthusiast, and at one time owned and drove his own horses in

trotting events here. Aside from his work with his own coal and feed business, he was a director of the Goshen National Bank. He was active also in the work of the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company of Middletown and in Westtown Presbyterian Church until his marriage, and thereafter in the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown, New York.

On January 29, 1890, Benjamin Horton married, at Slate Hill, New York, Julia Ferguson Durland, daughter of Thomas Terry and Sarah Elizabeth (Jackson) Durland. She was born January 29, 1868, in Ridgebury, New York, and died August 25, 1940, in Middletown. Like her husband, she also was descended from Barnabas Horton through her grandmother, Lydia Terry Durland, who was descended from Mehitabel Horton, daughter of Jonathan Horton, who was a son of Barnabas Horton. Curiously enough, Benjamin Horton also had a Durland ancestor through his great-grandmother, Elizabeth Wood Reeves.

Benjamin and Julia Ferguson (Durland) Horton became the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth, born November 7, 1890, in Johnson, New York, a genealogist living at home in Middletown, New York, serving at the time of writing as registrar of Minisink Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Goshen; she also carries on, with her two sisters, Ruth and Janis T. Horton, the coal and feed business established by their father in New Hampton. 2 and 3. Ruth and Thomas Durland Horton (twins), born March 5, 1894. Ruth Horton is an artist and interior designer. Thomas D. Horton served in World War I, and until 1942 was connected with the stock yards branch of the California State Department of Agriculture. He has three sons—Thomas Durland Horton, Jr., Howell Benjamin Horton and Louis Jackson Horton. He lived in San Francisco, California, from 1926 to 1942. 4. Sarah Millicent, died in infancy. 5. Janis Tusten, born January 20, 1913, teaching kindergarten since 1934, following graduation from Columbia University, New York City; now interested in her own antique shop at Denton, near Middletown.

The death of Benjamin Horton was an occasion of profound sorrow in the Middletown-Goshen district and wherever he was known. His achievements were outstanding, earning for him the admiration, confidence and affection of friends in all walks of life. He will long be remembered with the deepest warmth of affection. In the "News Bulletin" of the Tioga Mills Company, Waverly, New York, published in April, 1941, (an organization from whom Mr. Horton had bought much feed over a long period of years), was printed a portrait of Mr. Horton standing in the doorway of his New Hampton Store. Beneath it was the statement that they had always found him fair and square in all his dealings with them and hoped to continue shipping Tioga feeds to him for many years to come. A man of strictest integrity,

he was one whose word was as good as his bond. He extended credit many times to give a helping hand, and while he was not always the gainer thereby he kept a liberal viewpoint, likely to give everyone the benefit of the doubt. That is to say, he wanted to think of everyone else as honest, too.

DELMAR G. KELLY—The Spencer Business School has been a highly valued institution of Kingston, Ulster County, for more than a half century. A number of educators have been principals of the school, among them Delmar G. Kelly and his father before him.

Mr. Kelly was born in Kingston, New York, March 4, 1904, son of Charles L. and Effie (Goff) Kelly. His father became the owner and head of the Spencer Business School, which was established in 1889 by the famous B. H. Spencer, who was the originator of the Spencerian system of penmanship. Delmar G. Kelly completed his formal education in the public and high schools of Kingston and in a private academy, before joining his father in the Spencer Business School. He taught and was active in the management of the institution, and proved his capabilities. Upon the death of the older man in 1939, Delmar G. Kelly became sole owner of the enterprise, and serves as principal. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, is a charter member and first president of the Kingston Lions Club, and is a Republican in political allegiance. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Delmar G. Kelly married (first) in 1923, at New Haven, Connecticut, Elwina Kaempfer, who died in 1937; they were the parents of two children: 1. Donald, born September 14, 1932. 2. Richard, born August 24, 1935. Mr. Kelly married (second), in 1939, Helen Hobert.

FREDERIC GROSVENOR CARNOCHAN—As operator of Carworth Farms, Inc., in New City, Frederic Grosvenor Carnochan occupies a position of prominence in this region of New York State.

Mr. Carnochan was born August 13, 1890, in Riverdale, New York City, son of Gouverneur Morris and Matilda Goodridge (Lewis) Carnochan and a direct descendant of Gouverneur Morris. His father was a banker and broker until his retirement, and was engaged for years in successful farming operations.

Private schools in Switzerland provided Frederic G. Carnochan's early education, and after completing his studies at St. Paul's School, at Concord, New Hampshire, he entered Harvard University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. Subsequently he had postgraduate work in applied biology, also at Harvard, taking the Master of Science degree in 1917. In 1925 he went to Africa with the Smithsonian-Chrysler expedition to capture animals for the National Zoological Park in Washington.

His work along these lines followed on a many-sided experience in business, military and civic life. In September, 1917, after the United States had become involved in the World War, he enlisted as a private in the infantry forces, and he then rendered service overseas with the special service section of the army signal corps and remained in the armed forces until he was honorably discharged in August, 1919. In 1919 and 1920 Mr. Carnochan was with the Vulcan Steel Corporation of New York, having charge of European sales. Then, in 1920, he became associated with the Furness Steamship Lines as a trainee on the piers. Until 1922 he was pier superintendent of Pier 90. In 1922 he established an optical goods shop in New York City—Lugene, Inc., in Madison Avenue,—of which he continued as treasurer until 1932.

Meanwhile, his work with animals had become more and more interesting to him, following on his participation in the Smithsonian-Chrysler expedition in 1925. In the period between 1928 and 1931 he was again in Africa, doing research work in ethnology. After living retired between 1932 and 1935, Mr. Carnochan returned to Africa again in 1935, remaining until the end of 1936. Coming again to New York after his third visit to Africa, he became associated with Charles N. Wentworth Cumming in the founding of Carworth Farms, Inc., in New City. Here he does extensive breeding and research work, as a result of which he is widely known among those who are interested in the animal kingdom.

In spare time he has always been intensely interested in outdoor recreations of a healthful sort, participating in sports and being a profound student of nature and natural phenomena. Although his work has always kept him busily occupied, so that he has had little time or energy for organizational activities, he has become a member of certain groups, notably the Society of the Cincinnati, to which he gives a great deal of time and thought. He has been chairman of the local draft board from inception to date, and is a director of the Peoples Bank of Haverstraw.

In June, 1913, at Hartford, Connecticut, Frederic G. Carnochan married Edna Guy, a niece of Judge Charles Guy, of New York State Supreme Court. The Carnochans are beloved residents of New City, the center of the Carworth Farms enterprise.

JOHN ANDREW BOTTA—It was with a broad background of experience in the hardware business and as an expert jewel maker that John A. Botta undertook his present highly important work. In Suffern he has built up the jewel-bearing manufacturing department of the Kollsman Instrument Division of the Square D. Company.

Mr. Botta, whose work in this connection has been particularly needed in wartime, was born December 7, 1883, in Desana, Piedmont, Italy, son of John and Faus-

tina (Bollea) Botta. His father was an employee of the Italian government.

Italian schools provided the early education of John A. Botta, who also attended schools in Switzerland and, at an early period, came to America. He is a fine linguist, speaking fluently Italian and French, as well as English. It was in 1911 that he came to Suffern, where, after many other ventures he became proprietor of the Handy Store in 1922. This establishment still carries on its hardware, paint and plumbers' supply business. The crucial importance of the jewel-bearing manufacturing activity in which Mr. Botta has been engaged may be best indicated by quoting a paragraph from a Nyack newspaper:

Winston Churchill once remarked that "never have so many owed so much to so few," when he spoke of the gallant band of English airmen who valiantly saved Britain from destruction by the Luftwaffe. To paraphrase the Prime Minister's statement it can be truthfully said that "so much depends on so little" when one considers the tiny, almost microscopic, gems that serve as jewel-bearings for the instruments with which every plane must be equipped in modern war or commercial flying.

Mr. Botta learned the art of jewel cutting in boyhood in Italy, Switzerland and England. In America he carried on the work. To this country he brought with him prizes and gold medals that he had received for his work on the other side of the Atlantic. In 1911, when he first came to Suffern, he was employed in the very same building in which he now directs his jewel-making activities. It was then owned by the late Judge John Wennstrom, of Suffern. Until 1916 Mr. Botta cut gems in the Wennstrom plant, not by the modern machine methods later adopted, but wholly by hand tooling, as he had been taught in Europe. In 1916 he left the Wennstrom plant and carried forward operations at his home in Suffern. There he had a well-equipped shop, and he was successful in his work there for some years, particularly in view of the capable assistance that he received from his wife, also an expert jewel-maker. She was born in Coventry, England; and, needless to say, her eagerness to make the jewel-bearing industry of Suffern valuable to the allied interests was not lessened by the ferocious and frightful bombing of her native town. But, to go back some years, Mr. Botta found after a time that he could not longer compete with the imported cut jewels made under a low wage scale, and he was finally forced to give up his shop and business.

In 1922 he opened the Handy Store, referred to above, dealing in hardware, paints and house furnishings. This store is situated at 50 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, and is at the time of writing going ahead under the management of his son, Edmond Botta. The outbreak of war, in 1939, and the later entry of the United States into the conflict, created, however, an urgent need for the jewels that Mr. Botta had formerly made so successfully. He re-

ceived offers from several large plants, which wished him to teach his art to others, but he was consistently forced to refuse these tempting offers because of his hardware store duties. Also, he did not wish to leave Suffern. Recommending a friend who was a fine craftsman for the out-of-town post, Mr. Botta then came into contact with the Kollsman Company, in Suffern. A representative of the company, learning his talent, interviewed him. A. Carbonara, vice-president and general manager of the Kollsman Company, paid a visit to Suffern, with the result that Mr. Botta accepted the Kollsman Company's offer and agreed to direct the Kollsman plant. Lacking time for erection of a new factory for the purpose, Mr. Botta quickly said: "What's the matter with the old shop in which I once worked?" After a hurried inspection, plans got under way, alterations were effected, and machinery was chosen. Soon the wheels began to turn.

Mr. Botta found that some of his former co-workers were available, and obtained their help. At first the tiny sapphires trickled slowly from the plant, but then the force increased to seven times the number formerly employed, and jewel bearings now literally streamed from the little factory. The manufacture of these gems is truly a precision art. Early in the production process, drills finer than a hypodermic needle pierce the initial holes through the centers of rows of tiny gems, all with lightning rapidity; and so the manufacturing proceeds to the final careful inspection. Mr. Botta points out, by comparison with the natural sapphire gems from Ceylon and Australia, that the synthetic stones are not only equal in every way to the natural jewels, but are wholly free from any impurities such as are usually present in the natural stones. Military secrecy shrouds the detailed manufacturing process, but it is permitted to say that very thin slices of sapphire are cut from the artificial stone, then are cut into small squares and rounded. They are next placed in the driller for the first center piercing by minute drills, as indicated above. The original hole, in the stone's exact center, is so small as to be practically imperceptible to the naked eye, but another machine enlarges it slightly, and so the process goes until the gem has the desired opening and is cupped and shaped around the hole. The gems are then placed on a fine wire string like rows of beads and are polished. Then they are burnished, and each gem is ringed with a metal bushing. A many-sided inspection follows, and all along the line a series of micrometer readings corrects the results. Tremendous thought on the part of Mr. Botta has gone into the creation of this process, which so amazingly combines speed with perfection. As Mr. Botta has said:

To produce results, one must teach the student all and exercise the greatest patience. We are out to win a war and the tiny bearings which we are turning out here may seem insignificant to those who do not understand their value, but they loom mighty big when one understands the importance of the job they have to perform in a fighting plane.

In addition to producing these vital little articles, we must not forget what a real asset to Suffern this seemingly small plant represents, because several thousand dollars a week is being expended in wages and rent by the company.

This was the only Suffern plant to receive the Army and Navy "E," and the acknowledgement that man for man, square foot for square foot, machine for machine, this plant produced more than any similar plant in the U. S., at the time their product was most urgently needed.

The Suffern newspaper quoted above concluded its article with the following words:

When you observe the next Fortress soaring high above the earth and visualize many of them softening up the enemy strongholds with tons of bombs, your thoughts will probably turn to the massive strength that they embody in their construction. The pilot and his comrades, however, their eyes constantly sweeping back and forth along the instrument panel, know that their lives depend upon the story that each gadget reveals as the anxious moments pass.

They probably have no thoughts of the tiny bearings that are responsible for the smooth and accurate functioning of the instrument, because the bearings are both tiny and hidden. They probably have never heard of Suffern or Mr. Botta. But what they do know is that when an instrument fails to reveal faithfully to them the exact information it is expected to provide, they are in for trouble, sometimes trouble that cannot be overcome. That is why these tiny, seemingly insignificant, jewels must be perfect in order to do the job that they are expected to perform. And that is why Mr. Botta and his workers must see to it that only a flawless product is installed in our fighting ships of the air.

In addition to his work with the Kollsman Company's Suffern plant, Mr. Botta takes a deep interest in community affairs. He is a past chancellor of his lodge of the Knights of Pythias and a past venerable of the Sons of Italy. In spare time he does some fishing and likes to garden. He is fond of music and talented on the violin.

On January 12, 1910, in Coventry, England, John A. Botta married Elizabeth Charlton, daughter of Albert Charlton. They became the parents of two children: 1. Edmond, born in 1910 in Bridgeport, Connecticut; married Mae Brown and has a daughter, Mae Doris. 2. Doris, born in 1914 in Suffern, married Robert Fay and has one child, Virginia.

FRANK E. PARET—Active in the drug business in Rockland County, Frank E. Paret was born in 1878 in Montgomery, New York, and attended schools of this county and Middletown High School, then studied at the College of Pharmacy of Columbia University, New York, where he was graduated in 1899. Associated thereafter with different drug organizations, he gained a broad practical knowledge and experience, and in 1905 he went into partnership with J. B. Campbell, the two men taking over the business of George Dart, in Tuxedo Park, in 1914. Mr. Campbell retired from active participation in the business in 1916, his interest being taken over by

John and Alexander Lamouree, along with Dr. Rushmore. The enterprise was incorporated in 1916. Mr. Paret is also active in the Free and Accepted Masons and is a vestryman of Christ Church, Suffern.

Frank E. Paret married, in Monticello, New York, in 1906, Laura Beardsley Starr. They became the parents of two children: 1. Richard Starr, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, class of 1935, now a lieutenant commander in the navy. 2. Elizabeth Starr, a writer with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer organization, in Hollywood, California. The Paret home is on Buena Vista Heights, Suffern.

CALVIN T. ALLISON—Coming to his present office with a wealth of business and industrial experience, Calvin T. Allison, of Stony Point, is county engineer of Rockland County, and has so served for many years. He has his headquarters at the Court House in New City.

Mr. Allison was born June 3, 1876, in Stony Point, New York, son of Brewster J. and Anna (Andrus) Allison. His father, born in Stony Point, was for many years a brick manufacturer and farmer until his death at the age of ninety-six years. The mother, Mrs. Anna (Andrus) Allison, was born in Garnerville, New York.

Public schools of Stony Point provided Calvin T. Allison's early formal education, and he later attended Lawrenceville Academy, in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and received the degree of Civil Engineer from Princeton University in 1897. From that year until 1902 he was associated with the New York Central Railroad as a construction engineer, doing bridge work, then was Rockland County engineer until 1909. From 1909 to 1913 he was engaged in a private contracting business. Then, in 1913, he was again made county engineer, so serving down to the time of writing.

His public services have been many-sided. Formerly he was a trustee and president of the Stony Point Board of Education. He is a member of Stony Point Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and of the Princeton Club of New York. He also belongs to the Princeton Engineering Club. In 1943 he was president of the Association of County Engineers. He is a member of the Stony Point Presbyterian Church, which he built.

In Haverstraw, New York, September 12, 1900, Calvin T. Allison married Edith Elizabeth Snedeker, of Haverstraw, daughter of Edward and Ella Adelaide (Ham) Snedeker. Mr. and Mrs. Allison became the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Allison, who was born August 7, 1902, and died July 6, 1927. She was a graduate of the National Park Seminary, Washington, District of Columbia, and of Roosevelt Hospital, New York, and became the wife of Howard H. Parsons, of Fulton, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Allison have also reared an adopted daughter, the daughter of Mrs. Allison's sister and brother-in-law, the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifton L. Jordan, of Mount Vernon, New York. This adopted daughter

is Eleanor Dunham Jordan Allison. In spare time Mr. Allison is fond of healthful outdoor life and recreations, being particularly fond of fishing and boating.

REUBEN GRANT RIGGS—Suffern is one of the communities of which Rockland County is justly proud. To the better development of this section Reuben Grant Riggs has contributed importantly over an exceptionally long period. He has been prominent not only in business, but has served the municipality long and well and variously in public offices.

Born at Viola, Rockland County, on November 21, 1864, he was brought by his family to Suffern when a small child, and was educated in local schools, the Mountain Institute, and the Packard Business College of New York City, where he was graduated in 1885. For six years he remained employed in New York with the Erie Railroad, but in 1891 went back to Suffern to become associated with his father in the operation of the Eureka Hotel. This partnership was continued until the death of the older man on November 26, 1897, after which the son, of this record, became the proprietor, and won a widespread reputation for his house and himself.

Mr. Riggs was often personally or financially interested in several Suffern and Rockland County concerns, at one time or another. From 1925 to 1935, he was president of the Whritner Lumber Company, of Suffern, of which he was a partner and treasurer for many years. He also was vice-chairman of the board and a director of the Suffern National Bank, a past vice-president of the local Building & Loan Association, a director of the Rockland Electric Company, and the Mountain Spring Water Company, and had investments in various companies. He retired from most business activities and many of those identified with public office.

Reuben Grant Riggs has compiled a number of records in political and public affairs, and in several other fields of interest. For example, he was the first auditor of the town of Ramapo. He was the first and only president of the village of Suffern to be elected, who was a member of the Republican party. The services he rendered the community for five years, several of them during the First World War, are now important chapters in the annals of Suffern. At one time he was chairman of the board of water commissioners, of Suffern, and he has filled a number of minor offices. He was a member of the Suffern Board of Education for sixteen years and its president for twelve years. A staunch Republican, he formerly was a member of the Rockland County Republican Committee, and always has been influential in party affairs.

In the days of the Volunteer Fire Department of Suffern, Mr. Riggs served as its head. Few men of this part of the county were better known or more popular for fraternal affiliations. For four years he was Master of Ramapo Lodge of Suffern, Free and Accepted Masons,

of which he is a life member; and he is affiliated with Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hudson River Commandery, Knights Templar, of Newburgh; and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Past Sachem of the Ramapo Tribe of the Red Men, and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

On October 19, 1893, Reuben Grant Riggs married Mary Irene Kerr, daughter of the Hon. John and Mrs. Mary Irene Kerr of Harrison, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are the parents of a daughter, Mary Frances, born at Suffern, September 1, 1897. She is a graduate of Suffern High School and Drew Seminary, at Carmel. She married William H. Beecraft, who had served abroad with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. Mr. and Mrs. Beecraft have two children: i. Barbara, born at Suffern April 30, 1922, a graduate of Suffern High School and the New York School of Dietetics. ii. William Riggs Beecraft, born at Suffern, January 12, 1935.

GUSTAV MAYER—As owner, president and treasurer of the Suffern Bottling Works, Inc., Gustav Mayer figures prominently in Suffern's business life and is widely known as a manufacturer of beverages.

Mr. Mayer was born February 22, 1884, at Nagykapos, Hungary, son of Morris and Fannie Mayer. European schools provided Gustav Mayer's preliminary education, and he came to New York City at the age of seventeen years. Arriving alone and unaccompanied, he obtained employment with the beverage industry, where he learned the present business. From the turn of the century until 1914 he remained in New York. Then, proceeding to Port Henry, this State, he was engaged in the beverage business and in farming in that community. In 1926 he came to Suffern, in Rockland County, here establishing the Suffern Bottling Works, Inc., of which he is now president and treasurer, as well as sole owner. This firm manufactures "Mission" beverages and "Spur Cola," distributing its products over a wide area in Orange and Rockland counties, New York, and Bergen, Passaic and Morris counties, New Jersey.

Aside from his beverage and bottling business in Suffern, Mr. Mayer operates two farms, a 135-acre property in Suffern and a farm at Port Henry. Farming is his favorite leisure-time pursuit, and he intensely enjoys the out-of-doors and healthful outdoor recreations.

In New York City, August 8, 1909, Gustav Mayer married Gussie Wiese, of Hungary. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Henry, born in 1910 in New York City, studied in Port Henry schools and at the Pace Institute of Accounting, now associated with his father in the conduct of the Suffern Bottling Works. 2. Sidney, born in New York City, graduated from Fordham Law School, now serving with the United States Army Signal Corps in the Second World War.

BEATRICE TREMPER COZINE—After having completed her studies to qualify as a graduate nurse, Beatrice Tremper Cozine returned to her native village of Rhinebeck, doing public health, bedside and school nursing until 1927, when she became superintendent of the Northern Dutchess Health Service Center, and was here when the corner stone was being laid. The building was dedicated on August 10, 1929, with many eminent guests present, including the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was then Governor of New York State. It was erected at a cost of \$230,000, part of which was derived from accumulated income of the Thompson Fund, and the rest through the enthusiastic coöperation of village residents.

The source of the Thompson Fund is a bequest which has brought numerous advantages both to Brattleboro, Vermont, and Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York. The story of its origin goes back to the nineteenth century, when Thomas Thompson, a wealthy resident of Boston, Massachusetts, moved to New York and to Rhinebeck to avoid what he considered to be excessive taxes.

At Rhinebeck in those days was a group of women who earned a living in the limited pursuits open to them. One of these women, Ina Quick, was seamstress for the Thompsons. One day she completed work on a number of shirts for Mr. Thompson, and made the long walk to his home, carrying the laundered and repaired clothing. The heat of the day made this journey particularly unpleasant, but when questioned as to why she had felt it necessary to bring the pieces at such a time, the woman replied that Mr. Thompson might want a clean shirt for the Sabbath.

This so impressed him that he decided at that time to make some provision for such workers. He died in March, 1869, leaving his estate in trust to his wife, providing her with an annual income of about one hundred thousand dollars. She died in Littleton, New Hampshire, in 1899. After her death, Mr. Thompson's will directed the further distribution of the estate. It was drawn in accordance with wishes expressed by his wife while she and he had been vacationing in Brattleboro. It provided that the net income of the trust should go "for or toward the relief and support of poor seamstresses, needlewomen and shop girls who may be in temporary need from want of employment, sickness or misfortune in the towns of Brattleboro, Vermont, and Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, the amount being divided equally between the two towns." The will was contested by relatives of the Thompsons when it was probated in Boston. The Supreme Court there, in 1901, decreed that the will created a valid trust, but laid down a compromise ruling whereby the contesting heirs were paid two hundred thousand dollars in trust, and the annual income of the remainder was paid in the proportion of two-thirds to Brattleboro and one-third to Rhinebeck.

At the same time, the scope of the will was broadened to permit using some of the income for charitable purposes not mentioned in the document, the classes of persons which the will specified to be given first consideration. Richards Merry Bradley, who recently died at the age of eighty-two, was named as a trustee of the estate. He was president of the real estate firm of R. M. Bradley & Company, at Boston. Aside from his business interests and the execution of the Thompson trust, he devoted his attention chiefly to the prevention of illness and to the furtherance of hospital and nursing service. A few years ago he was a member of a committee created by President Roosevelt to investigate ways and means of broadening hospital service.

Mr. Bradley was a regular visitor to Rhinebeck during his trusteeship of the estate. Annually there has appeared in the village newspaper, as in the Brattleboro paper, a notice calling attention to the provisions of the will and directing those seamstresses, needlewomen and shop girls needing such aid to make application. Not long after the turn of the century, Mr. Bradley formed a Rhinebeck committee for the purpose of supervision over a home in Rhinebeck to be occupied by potential recipients of the fund's benefits.

With this intention a large dwelling on Livingston Street was purchased and opened to those who wanted aid. But most of the women who were entitled to share in the trust were able to take care of themselves, and so, in order to make use of the property, village residents who became ill were taken there. A modest operating room was installed, and a maternity department developed. And soon it became known as the Thompson House hospital, increasing its facilities so that from 1912 it provided medical treatment for hundreds of patients. The present modern institution which replaces the earlier wooden structure was built toward the end of the 1920s.

Provisions of the Thompson trust are administered by the board of trustees of the Northern Dutchess Health Service Center, Inc., of which R. Raymond Rikert is president and Benson R. Frost, secretary. Sitting in with the board as a representative of the Thompson estate interests and looking after the interest of the needy women is Mrs. H. H. Hudson, of White Plains.

The Northern Dutchess Health Center and Community Nursing Service offers its facilities and services to patients in the following townships: Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Pine Plains, Stanford, Clinton, Hyde Park, and Milan. It has services in general medicine, general surgery, dermatology, diabetes, gynecology, obstetrics, orthopedics, pediatrics, syphilis, and contagious diseases. There are thirty-five beds and nine bassinets which include eight private rooms, six semi-private rooms, four maternity, thirteen ward beds, and an isolation ward of four beds for contagious diseases. The hospital has an active staff of nine doctors, a consulting staff of thirty doctors, and it enjoys the services of sixteen graduate nurses. The

existence and development of the new hospital center is due in large measure to the effective and untiring efforts of Dr. George Norton Miller, who has been responsible for essential work of promotion and organization.

The superintendent of the Northern Dutchess Health Service Center is Beatrice Tremper Cozine. A native of Rhinebeck, she grew up here, attended the public schools, and received here a general education. She then became a student in Mt. Sinai Hospital, completing her studies there with the rank of graduate nurse. She was early made superintendent of the hospital here, and has continued in that position to the present time. Mrs. Cozine is the daughter of William R. and Anna Louise (Saltford) Tremper. Her father was also effective in service to the community, for the development of modern trends in the public schools of the county took place under his direction. Superintendent of schools and a noted educator, he was responsible for the centralization of the Dutchess County schools. He was a representative citizen of Rhinebeck, and was most devoted to the interests of the village.

Beatrice Tremper is the wife of William R. Cozine, son of James and Nettie (Olmstead) Cozine. Her husband is a captain in the United States Army.

HENRI A. MONTANDON—Since 1941, Henri A. Montandon has been engaged in the real estate business at Nyack, Rockland County, and is exceptionally well known for his constructive interest and activities in this part of southeastern New York. In January, 1945, he also engaged in the general insurance business, in addition to his activities as a realtor. He is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born December 14, 1896, son of Henri August and Minnie (Fatigue) Montandon, his father an artist and a textile designer and engraver.

Educated in the elementary and secondary schools of his native city, and Temple University, he was one of the generation whose careers were interrupted and delayed by the First World War. Henri A. Montandon was a member of Ambulance Company No. 13, with the 1st Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, and spent two and a half years abroad during World War I. While with the "Fighting 1st Division" in France, he was wounded several times and was the recipient of several decorations. He continues active in the American Legion. Politically he is an independent.

From 1920 to 1941, Mr. Montandon was connected with advertising in the commercial art field, but in the latter year became associated with real estate and later with insurance operations in Nyack. He is secretary of the Rockland County Realty Board, a member of the National Real Estate Association, and of the New York State Real Estate Association.

At Closter, New Jersey, Henri A. Montandon married Helene Porter Earley, daughter of H. A. Porter, of St. Louis, Missouri.

HAROLD T. HOLLIDAY—Reliable in business and steadfast in his constructive contributions to the best interests of the community, Harold T. Holliday is one of the most respected citizens of Nyack, Rockland County. More than two decades ago he came to this community, and within a few years became the owner of a jeweler's store that has gained reputation and clientele down through the years. Without ostentation or any desire for publicity, he has consistently been to the fore in movements and organizations that undertake the promotion of the prosperity and welfare of Nyack and contiguous sections of Rockland County.

Mr. Holliday was born in Allegany County, New York, on May 19, 1898, son of Chester S. and Almecia (Thompson) Holliday. His father, also a native of this county, was an engineer on the old Shawmut Railroad, and at one time was a "well shooter" and tool dresser in the Indiana oil fields. His son of this account, who unfortunately lost his mother by death within three weeks of his birth, remained with his father on the family farm until he became of age. This probably was not due to any love of agriculture but the carrying out of an old tradition whereby a son continued with his father and family until he reached the age of twenty-one.

Harold T. Holliday, having fulfilled his duty, was free to seek a career where he liked and in whatever vocation he chose. It so happened that while he was acquiring an education, he attended school at Brockport, New York, where his older brother had a jewelry store. During all the time that he was free from school—afternoons, nights, week-ends and vacations—Harold T. Holliday worked in his brother's establishment, and thereby gained a considerable experience in the jeweler's trade. From 1919 to 1921 he was in the employ of Frank Maynard, jeweler, of Saratoga Springs, New York. In the autumn of the latter year, he removed to Nyack and worked for William I. Love, local jeweler. On January 1, 1925, he became the owner of the long established V. Ackerman & Company property, which had done business in Nyack since 1878. This store was originally at No. 6 South Broadway, later being removed to No. 91 Main Street, and in 1939 to No. 95 Main Street, where it has continued since. Changes of location have in nowise changed the unexcelled service and stock of articles.

Mr. Holliday is also a director of the Nyack Savings & Loan Association, and a trustee of the Nyack Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he long has been a member and active in its works. He is a popular figure in the Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Rockland Lodge, No. 723, Free and Accepted Masons, and Rockland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His recreations include fishing, hunting and gardening.

On November 26, 1925, at Nyack, New York, Harold T. Holliday married Ruth De Flaun, born in this city, daughter of William and Emma (Green) De Flaun. Mr. and Mrs. Holliday are the parents of three daughters, all

born at Nyack: 1. Joyce, born October 31, 1926, a senior at Nyack High School. 2 and 3. Ruth and Lois (twins), born June 8, 1928. Miss Lois, a talented artist, specializing in commercial art, has already received honorable mention by cartoonist Milton Caniff on her art exhibit for the Third War Loan drive, 1943, Rockland County.

A. ARTHUR LANGER—For nearly a decade, A. Arthur Langer has been a member of the official family of the county seat of Rockland County, New City. In 1935 he entered the surrogate's office as clerk of the surrogate court, and to his work has given exceptional devotion with most effective results.

Mr. Langer was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 23, 1899, son of Adolph and Jane B. (Master-son) Langer, both of whom are now deceased. The name of Adolph Langer is known and honored in the newspaperdom of New Jersey, for Mr. Langer had been a journalist since youth and had won laurels with the passing years. As a boy he entered the employ of the famous "New York Sun," with which he remained for some years, gaining experience under able editors. In Jersey City he was editor of the "Observer-Advertiser," a dean in journalism in point of years of service with this profession.

A. Arthur Langer attended the public schools of Jersey City and of Pearl River, Rockland County, when his family took up its residence there, and was graduated from the Pearl River High School, in 1918. His further education was continued in the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, and Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. From 1923 to 1931 he was connected with advertising in New York City, and from 1931 to 1935 held various positions in New York and New Jersey. In 1935 Mr. Langer became associated with the Rockland County Surrogate's Office in New City, and is its present capable clerk of the surrogate court. His college fraternity is Pi Kappa Epsilon.

On November 8, 1924, at Pearl River, New Jersey, A. Arthur Langer married Marie C. Doscher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Doscher, and they are the parents of a daughter, Glenn A., born at Nyack, New York, May 5, 1928.

HOMER B. LYDECKER—A native and almost lifelong resident of Rockland County, Homer B. Lydecker has achieved one of those careers that have been colorful and active, wherein varied experience was gained and later contributed to his success as a realtor, insurance man and financier of Nyack, New York.

He was born at Valley Cottage, Rockland County, New York, December 9, 1889, son of the late Smith Lydecker, who died July 12, 1922, and the former Mattie Doane. On the paternal side, the family dates back to the early eighteenth century when ancestors from Holland settled in Rockland County. A brother, Irving Ly-



William E. Miller

decker, is a well-known lawyer of White Plains, Westchester County.

Homer B. Lydecker was educated in the grammar schools of his birthplace, Nyack High School, and Overlook Military Academy, at Nyack. In the meanwhile he had won reputation as an athlete, and from 1915 to 1920 was connected with professional baseball as an umpire.

From 1921 to 1926 Mr. Lydecker was a salesman of the Buick Automobile Company in Nyack. Then from 1926 to 1930, he was associated with George Wesels in the handling of the business of the Chrysler Automobile Agency, with headquarters in Nyack. Since 1930 he has engaged in real estate, insurance and mortgage business, in Nyack, and is one of the leaders both in these fields and in civic affairs. Mr. Lydecker is fraternally affiliated with the Rockland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Nyack, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also of this community. He worships in the faith of the Dutch Reformed Church.

At Nyack, New York, November 29, 1922, Homer B. Lydecker married Margaret Johnson, of Monticello, daughter of William G. and Hannah (Crum) Johnson. Mrs. Lydecker is a graduate of State Teachers College, at New Paltz, New York, and prior to her marriage taught in the Nyack schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lydecker are the parents of two children, both born at Nyack: 1. Constance, born January 13, 1926, a graduate of Nyack High School, then an undergraduate at Women's College of North Carolina and now attending Cedar Crest College at Allentown, Pennsylvania. 2. Homer B., Jr., born July 15, 1927, a student at Nyack High School.

DOYLE MONTGOMERY BRANNON—For many years active in business affairs, Doyle Montgomery Brannon has conducted a real estate and insurance firm in Nyack since 1939.

Mr. Brannon was born February 1, 1908, in Union, South Carolina, son of Doyle Victor and Jessie (Austin) Brannon. His father was for years textile mill superintendent until his retirement.

Schools of Union, his South Carolina birthplace, provided Doyle Montgomery Brannon's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school in 1925. He then spent two years at Mount Hermon Preparatory School. Later he took specialized courses in insurance and engineering, being graduated from a course with the Insurance Institute of America in 1940 and attending the College of Engineering of New York University in 1944. He was associated for five years with the New York Trap Rock Corporation as an electrician, and spent two years as a merchant marine officer. For three years he was affiliated with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, so serving between 1936 and 1939. It was in 1939, as indicated above, that he established his present real estate and insurance business in Nyack, where he continues down to the time of writing.

Mr. Brannon is today a first class petty officer, electrician's mate, in the United States Naval Reserve. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and of Rockland Lodge, No. 723, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the First Baptist Church, and his wife to St. Paul's Methodist Church.

It was at St. Paul's Church, Nyack, September 29, 1938, that Doyle Montgomery Brannon married Florence Stephanie Wheeler, daughter of Robert Sneden and Florence (Hazelton) Wheeler.

WILLIAM E. MELLERT—As general manager of the Babcock Dairy, of Kingston, William E. Mellert renders substantial service to the business community here.

Mr. Mellert was born in 1898 in Kingston, New York, son of William and Mary (Kidd) Mellert. His father is now retired from his active endeavors. The mother is deceased.

Kingston public schools provided William E. Mellert's early formal education, and when he was still very young he took up plumbing and steamfitting. After five years in which he was so engaged, he entered the United States Army in 1917 for World War service and served with the American Expeditionary Forces overseas in that year and 1918. Returning to America after the close of hostilities and being honorably discharged from the army, Mr. Mellert became a marine engineer with the Cornell Steamboat Company and so continued until 1926. In that year he came to Kingston and associated himself with the Babcock Dairy, of which he became general manager in 1930.

Down to the time of writing Mr. Mellert continues as general manager of the Babcock Dairy, while at the same time he interests himself in a wide variety of civic and social affairs. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Wiltwyck Country Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. He is commander of Kingston Post, No. 150, American Legion, and Ulster County commander of the American Legion. He is a member of St. James' Church.

In 1922, in Kingston, New York, William E. Mellert married Birdella Babcock, a sister of the founder of the Babcock Dairy. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Robert G., born in 1922, now serving in the army; he married Barbara Gardiner Norton in July, 1943, and they are the parents of a son, Terence. 2. William J., born in 1924, in the navy at the time of writing.

PHILIP T. GLYNN—In 1892, a young Irishman, Thomas Glynn, who had come to Nyack, New York, a half dozen years before, started a shoe store. He proved himself a good business man, made friends readily and became a most esteemed citizen of the community. His

enterprise, now more than half a century old, is one of the best stores of its kind in Rockland County. For the past twenty-two years the establishment has been carried on, first by two sons, then by one son of Thomas Glynn, the sole owner now being Philip T. Glynn.

Born in Nyack, Rockland County, New York, June 18, 1896, Philip T. Glynn is the son of Thomas and Nora (Cunningham) Glynn, both originally natives of Ireland. He attended local grade and high schools, and when he was about sixteen years old became associated with his father's shoe business. He learned fast and well, and when the older man died on August 13, 1922, leaving the store to be operated by him and his brother, John E. Glynn, he was thoroughly well experienced in the trade and had a large personal following, including some of the third generation from his father's first customers. John E. Glynn died in 1926, since when Philip T. Glynn has operated the store alone. His establishment is at No. 136 Main Street, and is favorably known throughout the Nyack area of the county, and to many residents whose business activities take them regularly to New York City. The Glynn Block, in Nyack, was built in 1900.

In municipal affairs Philip T. Glynn is prominent, and lends generous support to civic and humanitarian projects. He has been a trustee of the village of Nyack since 1939. During World War I, he enlisted and served in the United States Naval Reserves, as a gunner's mate, for the most of the time stationed at the New London (Connecticut) Base. Golf is Mr. Glynn's game, which he plays as a member of the Rockland Country Club. He worships in the faith of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Nyack.

On August 2, 1928, at Nyack, New York, Philip T. Glynn married Hazel Burgess, born in Renfrew, Canada, daughter of William and Frances (Stuart) Burgess. Mr. and Mrs. Glynn are the parents of eight children, all born at Nyack: 1. Joan, born July 1, 1929, a student in Nyack High School. 2. Jean, born July 4, 1930. 3. Kay, born August 22, 1931. 4. Patrick, born June 8, 1933. 5. Thomas, born February 22, 1935. 6. Philip, Jr., born January 3, 1936. 7. Hazel, born January 29, 1938. 8. John Michael, born July 17, 1941.

FREDERICK R. MILLER—For many years active in Nyack newspaper circles, Frederick R. Miller is business manager of the "Journal-News," published in this community.

Mr. Miller was born July 31, 1896, in Nyack, New York, son of the late Frederick and Rosina (Mutters) Miller. His father was for many years engaged in the hotel business in Nyack, so continuing until the close of his life.

Frederick R. Miller attended Nyack schools, and was graduated in 1912. His first employment was with the Nyack "Evening Star" as a printer, and he so continued

from 1913 to 1917. Enlisting then in the United States Navy as a wireless operator, he served in that capacity through the World War period and in the time immediately following, until 1920, being honorably discharged with the rank of wireless operator, first class. He then enlisted in the merchant marine as a seaman, sailing the seven seas until 1926 or 1927 and being advanced in the course of these years to second mate.

Back in Nyack, he became business manager of the "Evening News" here in 1927, then resigned from that post in 1930 to accept the business managership of the Nyack "Journal-News." He remains with the "Journal-News" down to the time of writing, and is able, in this connection, to perform a highly valuable service to his fellow-citizens. He is active at the same time in a number of local organizations, and is a past president of the Nyack Rotary Club. He belongs to Mazeppa Engine Company in the Nyack Fire Department. Fraternally Mr. Miller is a member of Rockland Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and his religious affiliation is with the Protestant Episcopal Church. In leisure time he enjoys gardening and golf as favorite recreations.

Frederick R. Miller married, in Nyack, New York, Lillian Coffey, a native of New York City, daughter of John T. and Elizabeth (Dietz) Coffey. They became the parents of a daughter, Madeline Miller, born in Nyack in 1931.

THE GOODRICH FAMILY of Newburgh, New York—The Goodrich family in America was founded by two brothers, William and John, who came to America from Bury St. Edmunds, England, some time prior to 1643, as there are records of lands being held in Wethersfield, Connecticut, by John as of that date.

The father of this branch of the family was born at Wethersfield, January 11, 1817, and died in Newburgh, New York, December 6, 1886. His father married Sarah Knapp, daughter of John Knapp who came to Little Britain, New York, from Connecticut and settled on a farm there which later became one of the fine estates of Orange County. Sarah Knapp Goodrich died and her small son came to Little Britain to make his home with his uncle Jarvis Knapp.

This boy, Alfred Goodrich, married Catherine Ann Carlisle, daughter of Samuel Carlisle of Newburgh. Six children were born to them: William, Cornelia, Sarah, Charles Tice—of whom further—Katherine and Alfred, who died young.

Charles Tice, born December 5, 1846, was educated in the public schools of Newburgh. At an early age, nineteen years, he lost a leg in a railroad accident. The misfortune spurred the young man to rise above his handicap. From his youth he was interested in journalism and became editor and manager of the "Newburgh Telegraph," combining with that the work of regular cor-

respondent for New York papers. For forty years he was correspondent for the "Sun" and his "Letters," published in that paper were copied extensively by other papers throughout the country.

He became actively associated with the "Newburgh Journal" from whose files we quote:—"Loyal in friendship and strong and forceful in his convictions, yet tolerant of the opinion of others, he won the esteem of all those with whom he came in contact. A ready and forceful writer he had a delightful sense of humor and a peculiar originality. . . . He always made good in the varied fields of his endeavor."

In 1870 he established the real estate and insurance agency which bore his name and this he continued until his death, at which time he had developed one of the largest agencies in the Hudson Valley.

During his career Charles Tice Goodrich held many positions of responsibility, of which the bare narrative of his life gives meagre record. From his youth he was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Newburgh and always active in the interests of his church, serving for many years as president of the board of trustees. He was prominently connected with the Knights of Pythias, having held the office of Grand Chancellor of the State and in that office represented that State body as supreme representative to the national body.

Among civil and municipal positions, he was city assessor and clerk of the board of supervisors of Orange County.

He was a director of: J. W. Mathews Company, wholesale grocers; The Newburgh Light, Heat & Power Company, in which he acted as treasurer; the Highland National Bank of Newburgh; a charter member and one of the organizers, as well as president of the New York State Local Fire Insurance Agents' Association and on several occasions was their representative to the National Association of Fire Insurance Agents. He was a member of the Newburgh Board of Trade and of Brewster Hook and Ladder Company.

On October 11, 1881, he married Harriet Elizabeth Jenkinson (born July 21, 1848), daughter of Isaac Jenkinson (captain in the Washington Continental Guards, having also served as captain in the 168th Regiment New York State Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion) and Rachel Cropsey Martin Jenkinson.

A man of sincerity, integrity, and loyalty to his friends, he was loyal above all to what he believed to be right and just. To him private and public trust were as sacred as the most solemn oath. His simplicity and modesty were noteworthy and won him friends in all walks of life, leaving the memory of a genial and upright and honored citizen.

Samuel Carlisle, only child of Charles Tice and Harriet Elizabeth (Jenkinson) Goodrich, was born at Newburgh, New York, August 6, 1882. He attended the public schools of Newburgh and graduated from the Newburgh

Free Academy and from Brown University with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1905. He was a member of Delta Phi fraternity.

He entered the real estate and insurance business with his father, whereupon the name of the firm was changed to Chas. T. Goodrich & Son.

On June 2, 1909, he married Mary Truesdale Jordan, daughter of Joseph Volney and Anna Decker Leeper Jordan (daughter of Joseph McCarrell Leeper and Mary Garrison Decker Leeper, daughter of Jonah Decker of Washingtonville, New York). To them were born three children, Samuel Carlisle, Jr., Richard Jordan, and Joan.

Samuel Carlisle, on the death of his father in July, 1911, assumed the management of the business firm of Chas. T. Goodrich & Son.

Like his father, Samuel Carlisle has always been prominently identified with the best and most important business and social interests of the community. As a member of the First Baptist Church of Newburgh, he served as a member of its board of trustees and has had his part and assumed his responsibilities in all of the interests and activities of the church. In the Masonic Order he has held membership since a young man. In the Knights of Pythias he is a past chancellor commander. For many years he served in Company E, 1st Regiment New York State Militia. For a number of years he served on the board of directors of the local Young Men's Christian Association, always having a special interest in the welfare of the youth of the community. Twice he was president of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce and one of the organizers of the Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce, later acting as its president. A charter member of Newburgh Rotary Club, he has been director and president.

He served as a member of the advisory committee of the Newburgh Day Nursery, and the Home For The Friendless, and as Young Women's Christian Association trustee. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

For over twenty-five years he was a director of the Highland-Quassaick National Bank & Trust Company; a director of Staples & Hanford Company, manufacturers; a director of Coldwell Lawn Mower Company, and of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association.

Among other activities Samuel Carlisle Goodrich was a member of the original planning board of the city of Newburgh and a member of the Newburgh City Air Port Commission. He was also one of the founders of the Insurance Federation of the State of New York.

During the First World War he was untiring in his efforts in organizing and conducting campaigns, acting as publicity chairman for all four drives for the Liberty Loans and for the Red Cross Fund. He also was Young Men's Christian Association's war work fund treasurer. An organizer of the Community Fund of Newburgh, he conducted the initial campaign to a successful finish.

Later he was chairman of two other of the Community Fund drives and one for \$100,000 for St. Luke's Hospital; also the 1941 war fund drive for the Red Cross and the war emergency campaign of the Red Cross for the Newburgh area in 1942. He never failed to carry a campaign "over the top." From the beginning of the draft in World War II, Samuel Carlisle Goodrich served as a member of Draft Board No. 302 of Newburgh, New York.

At one time he served as vice-president of the State Association of Local Boards of Fire Insurance Agents. He also was for a time a member of the board of supervisors of Orange County, New York, and treasurer of the Insurance Federation of the State of New York.

Of his children: Samuel Carlisle, Jr., graduated from the Newburgh Free Academy in 1927; from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, in 1928, and from Yale in 1933. He has been associated with G. Schirmer Company, music publishers in New York City.

Richard Jordan Goodrich attended the Newburgh public schools, graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, in 1931, and from Yale in 1935. He was a member of Alpha Delta. He married Margaret D. Meyer, daughter of Dr. Henry J. Meyer and Rosemary Steinert Meyer, of Saginaw, Michigan. To them have been born two children: Margaret Angeline, in Flint, Michigan, in 1938, and Richard Meyer in Saginaw, in 1942.

On the entry of the United States of America into World War II, Richard was called to duty under his reserve commission and joined the 32d Division (Red Arrow), Michigan and Wisconsin National Guard. After active service in the Southwest Pacific area for twenty-nine months, he was returned to the United States and relieved of active duty. His rank is captain.

Joan, attended Quassaick Hall School in Newburgh, graduated from Emma Willard School in Troy, New York, in 1935, and from Smith College in 1939. She taught physical education at Stoneleigh College, Rye Beach, New Hampshire for two years and was then called to join the department of physical education at Smith College. On July 29, 1944, she married Frederic Allison Lang, son of Frederic Philip and Fern Allison Lang of Kansas City, Missouri. Frederic Allison Lang is associated with du Pont de Nemours in Newburgh, New York, as development engineer.

HARRY J. PIPPITT—Engaged in the jewelry business and related lines of endeavor, Harry Pippitt is one of Port Jervis' leading merchants and citizens.

Mr. Pippitt's parents were Henry Ridgeway Pippitt and Elizabeth Bull Pippitt of Loudonville, Ohio. Harry Pippitt graduated from the Loudonville schools and turned his activities to business channels. He established the present business on October 6, 1902. Here he handles diamonds, watches, silverware, luggage, glassware, china

and giftwares. He is a registered optometrist and jeweler and has been so classed since the business was established in 1902. He has been the official watch inspector for the Erie Railroad since 1905.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Pippitt is a director of the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association. He is active in the New York Chapter of the American Gem Society, of which he is vice-president.

He is a Mason, and also is affiliated with Knights Templar, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is active in Rotary, having been the first president of the local club, and for several years was chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in his partisan views.

October 3, 1908, Harry Pippitt married Stella Almeda Branch, daughter of Thomas H. and Olivia Roscoe Branch of Port Jervis. They became the parents of the following children: Richard Branch, born November 5, 1909, who graduated from Port Jervis schools, Worcester Academy, Hamilton College, and took his doctor's degree from Harvard Medical School in 1937, and spent four years as interne and resident physician in Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston. He is now lieutenant-commander in the United States Naval Reserve, serving in the medical corps. He married Lillian Ross, daughter of Donald J. Ross of Pinehurst, North Carolina, and they are the parents of two children, Janet Ross Pippitt, born May 9, 1941, and Susan Branch Pippitt, born January 27, 1943. Elizabeth Hoyland, born August 19, 1913, graduated from Port Jervis schools, Mount Holyoke College and Katharine Gibbs School for Girls, of Boston. She became the wife of Dr. Osmond George Bates, a physician of San Francisco, California. They are the parents of the following children: Barbara Branch Bates, born April 20, 1939, Susan Pippitt Bates, born November 8, 1941, and Osmond George Bates, III, born January 28, 1944.

ARDEN FARMS DAIRY COMPANY—The story of Arden Farms Dairy Company dates back to 1896, when William Viner (*q. v.*) and W. A. McClellan started operations on a very small scale on the estate of E. H. Harriman, noted railroad magnate, in Arden. This farming organization now has the largest distribution of dairy products in Orange County, having grown from small beginnings. The Arden Farms Dairy Company has at the time of writing a capacity ranging between three thousand five hundred and four thousand quarts of milk daily, distributing it in an area within a thirty-mile radius from Arden. It has one thousand two hundred acres of land in pasturage and tillage, all in this community, Central Valley and Harriman, and gives employment to more than seventy-five people. The most modern and sanitary methods are used. Formerly there was a corporate form of organization, the enterprise being incorpo-

rated in 1896, with Mr. Harriman as president, Mr. McClenman as treasurer and Mr. Viner as general manager. But on January 1, 1943, the Arden Farms Corporation was dissolved as such, and a partnership was formed which continued all phases of the business. R. W. Hart is general manager at the time of writing. Mr. Viner, who has been with the organization for a half-century, is superintendent of production.

HARRY SILVERS—Carrying on a general law practice in Port Jervis, Harry Silvers occupies a position of leadership and high standing in his profession. At the same time he interests himself intensively in community affairs, and is active in a number of organizations.

Mr. Silvers was born March 28, 1908, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Joseph and Anna (Weinstein) Silvers. Both his parents died when he was only two years of age.

Harry Silvers received his early formal education at the Brooklyn Hebrew Orphanage, where he lived after his parents' death. When he was only sixteen years old, he was a counselor at the orphanage. Later he became a student at the College of the City of New York, where, in 1927, he won the award for being the best amateur saxophonist in New York City. From that time onward he played in bands and on radio programs under contract, doing that work in the evenings to finance his studies for his law degree. He received the Bachelor of Laws degree at St. John's Law School, Brooklyn, New York, in 1931, then came to Port Jervis to begin his active practice of his profession.

Here he continues his professional practice, as well as his deep interest in music. He has played for many fraternal groups and churches in Port Jervis, and handles with equal dexterity saxophone, clarinet or flute. A Republican in politics, he has the party's Orange County committee's endorsement as its candidate for Assistant Attorney General of New York State. Mr. Silvers' many-sided attainments have also included memberships in the Port Jervis Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He is a member of the Republican Club in Port Jervis, and belongs to Delaware Engine Company of Volunteer Firemen, the Men's Club of Port Jervis, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Free and Accepted Masons (in which he has many affiliations, including membership in the Tall Cedars of Lebanon). He is a member of the Port Jervis Synagogue.

On December 29, 1930, in Brooklyn, New York, Harry Silvers married Rose Gorelikoff. They have one daughter, Joanne Silvers, who was born March 14, 1937, in Middletown, New York.

Since the foregoing was written Mr. Silvers was inducted in the United States Army in October, 1943, after the endorsement of the Assistant Attorney General, and is

presently stationed at Fort Williams, Maine, where he is assigned to the special services branch and conducts the band at the fort.

MORRIS KANTOR—An artist whose works are to be seen in many of the Nation's leading museums, Morris Kantor, of New York and New City, has earned the high esteem and admiration of his fellow-citizens in all walks of life.

Mr. Kantor was born April 15, 1896, in Russia, son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Margolin) Kantor. He came to the United States in 1911 and was naturalized here in 1926. Between 1916 and 1918 he studied art in New York, following an early predilection, and quickly he made headway in his chosen work. As his paintings found ever wider acceptance, they were exhibited in leading galleries. He is now represented in the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Modern Museum (New York), the Whitney Museum (New York), the Chicago Art Institute, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Phillips Memorial Gallery (Washington, District of Columbia), and the Detroit Art Institute.

In addition, Mr. Kantor exhibited in the Brummer Gallery, New York, in 1929, and had one-man shows at the Rehn Gallery, New York, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1940, 1942 and 1945; the Chicago Art Institute, 1931; and the Pittsburgh Carnegie International, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1937 and 1938. Between 1929 and 1938 he exhibited at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art. He received the first prize and Logan medal at the Chicago Art Institute in 1931 and the third prize and Corcoran bronze medal at the Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington, District of Columbia, in 1939, and received the first prize, carrying the Temple Medal. He is a member of the Society of Painters, Sculptors and Gravers. Mr. Kantor was art instructor at The Art Students League and at Cooper Union, both of New York. He will be chairman of the jury for Pennsylvania Academy in 1945.

On March 7, 1929, Morris Kantor married Martha Ryther. They are the parents of a daughter, Mary. They reside in South Mountain Road, New City, and he has New York headquarters at the Rehn Gallery, No. 683 Fifth Avenue. Mrs. Kantor, also, is an artist, working under her maiden name of Martha Ryther.

ALOYSIUS J. BRYANT—Carrying on an extensive practice of law in Nyack, Aloysius J. Bryant is one of his community's highly respected citizens.

Mr. Bryant was born February 16, 1893, in Port Jervis, New York, son of Nathan and Mary (Lloyd) Bryant. His father, born in Chester, Orange County, New York, died March 17, 1913, was in early life a railway engineer with the Erie Railroad Company, then served as yard foreman, and afterward was manager of a coal company in Nyack. He served in the Union forces during the

Civil War, and was an aide to General Custer. His wife, Mrs. Mary (Lloyd) Bryant, A. J. Bryant's mother, died in 1893.

Public schools provided Aloysius J. Bryant's early formal education, and he later studied at St. Ann's Parochial School, Nyack. He was still in his infancy when, in 1893, his family took up their residence here. After completing his work at the parochial school, he became a student at Manhattan College, New York City, then received the Bachelor of Laws degree from Columbia University, New York City. Admitted to the bar of this State in 1920, after finishing his service in the First World War, Mr. Bryant began his practice in Nyack. From 1920 to 1933 he was associated with Frank Comesky, who died in that year. Mr. Comesky was one of Rockland County's outstanding trial lawyers. Since his death, Mr. Bryant practices independently in Nyack, where he is active in professional, social and fraternal affairs.

He serves as attorney for the village of Nyack and the public school system here, and has served as president of the Rockland County Bar Association and the Nyack Rotary Club, as well as exalted ruler of his lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the First World War, Mr. Bryant served in the Army Aviation Signal Corps. Honorably discharged, he then volunteered his services to the Young Men's Christian Association and served with that contingent in Russia. He is a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, in Nyack.

Aloysius J. Bryant married, October 2, 1934, in Nyack, New York, Juliet De Maria, daughter of Mrs. Amalia De Maria of Nyack, New York.

MARTIN T. WILLIAMS—To write of Martin T. Williams as a leading realtor and insurance man of Nyack would be factually accurate, but would fail to indicate the outstanding activities of a very busy and always constructive citizen of this Rockland County community. There are few worth-while movements and organizations in which he is not interested, and with which he fails to coöperate.

A native of Noblesville, Indiana, born November 11, 1896, he is the son of Harmon and Mary R. (Teter) Williams, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in the Sparkill (New York) cemetery. The family moved to Piermont, Rockland County, in 1901, and their son was educated in local grade schools, the Tappan Zee High School, Tappan, New York; Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey; and Columbia University, New York City. When the United States became involved in the First World War, Martin T. Williams enlisted in the service of his country and was assigned to the United States Naval Reserve as a hospital assistant. Later he received appointment as an ensign, United States Naval Reserve Supply Corps.

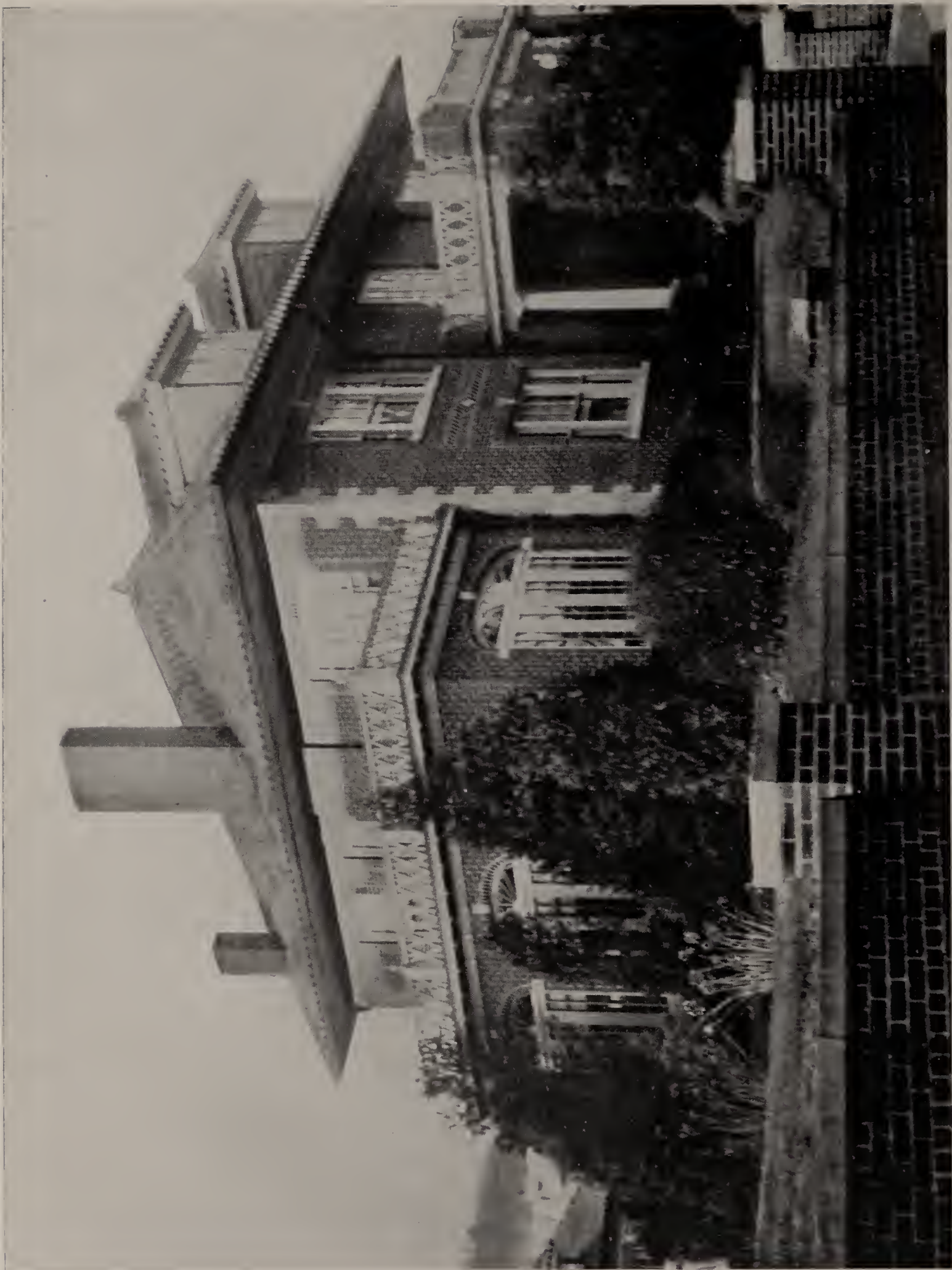
From 1919 to 1930, Mr. Williams filled responsible positions with the Piermont Paper Company, now a subsidiary of the Robert Gair Corporation. Ultimately he preferred to go into business for himself, and since 1930 has operated a real estate and insurance business in Nyack. His knowledge of this section of Southeastern New York, and Northeastern New Jersey for that matter, is unusually large, and he is an authority on the numerous factors that enter into the valuation of property, and is considered wise in his judgment of future and further developments. He always has been a "booster" of this part of the State. Prominent in community life, he has to his account some five years membership of the Piermont School Board and since January, 1944, has been clerk of the town of Orangetown. Fraternally Mr. Williams is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons; is a member and former treasurer (1942) of the Nyack Rotary Club, and is a former deacon and present elder of the Reformed Church, of Nyack.

In New York City, on January 22, 1921, Martin T. Williams married Marion K. Muller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo R. Muller, of Piermont, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Martin T., Jr., born at Piermont, December 15, 1921, a graduate of the New York State Maritime Academy, now serving in the United States Navy with the rank of lieutenant (j. g.). 2. Merwyn K., born at Piermont, October 14, 1924, attended Cedar Crest College, in Allentown, Pennsylvania. 3. Harmon M., born at Piermont, April 17, 1931, attending local schools.

FREDERICK R. ENGELS—Reared on his father's farm, Frederick R. Engels deserted agriculture to enter the field of law. Since his admission to the bar about a decade ago he has shown himself a capable lawyer, with offices in Nyack, Rockland County, and contributes importantly to the best interests of this far south section of Southeastern New York.

Mr. Engels was born at Central Nyack, Rockland County, New York, February 20, 1907, son of the late Henry and Anne (Fagan) Engels, his mother being a native of Ireland. Directly after being graduated from the Nyack High School with the class of 1925, he entered the office of the late Judge Benjamin Haas as stenographer and studied law under excellent tutelage for five years. From 1930 to 1933 he was associated with the district attorney of Rockland County, Henry V. Stebbins, as an assistant. During this long period of technical preparation and work, he was a grand jury stenographer, Rockland County, and official stenographer of the Rockland County and Surrogate Courts.

In 1934, Mr. Engels passed the required State law examinations and was admitted to the bar. Since that time he has engaged in an independent general practice of the law, now being a noted trial attorney. At the same time he is identified with several companies and local



RESIDENCE OF M. F. HUGHES



Michael F. Hughes



enterprises, at the present writing, 1943, being president of Buttermilk Falls Park, Inc., a realty corporation. He was elected justice of the peace for the town of Clarks-town, in November, 1937, and in November, 1941, was reelected to this same office, in which he is now serving. Judge Engels is a member of the Rockland County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He is a Democrat in political affiliations and prominent in party affairs.

Judge Engels might be termed a "gentleman farmer." He lives on an old Dutch estate of twenty-five acres, with a Colonial mansion built in 1737. It is registered with the Dutch Holland Society, of which the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was honorary chairman.

Frederick R. Engels married (first), in 1932, Elsie B. Barrett, who is deceased. He married (second), February 20, 1943, Ruby (Ball) Ware, daughter of C. M. and Mona Ball. By his first marriage, he is the father of two daughters, both born in Nyack: Anne, born in 1933, and Virginia, in 1938.

KATE BUCHENAU—In these days when women are entering successfully almost every occupation and industry in which the male sex was dominant, it probably is not impressive to indicate that Mrs. Kate Buchenau has been the town clerk of New City, Rockland County, New York, for twenty-four years, and was actively identified with this position for an even longer period. She has held the office because she was able to prove her capabilities whether in accounting, executive duties or the none too easy ability to get along with all sorts and kinds of people.

As Kate DeNoyelles, she was born in New City where the old courthouse used to stand, the daughter of Thomas L. and Rachel DeNoyelles. Her father, a popular figure in his day and generation, was the under sheriff of Rockland County over a long period. In New City, Kate DeNoyelles married Edward C. Buchenau, son of George Buchenau, her husband being for some time town clerk of New City, prior to his death in 1921. At this time Mrs. Buchenau took over the office and that she has retained it down to the present, is proof of the efficient way in which she takes care of her work and the public approval of this fact.

Fraternally Mrs. Buchenau is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, the Women's Auxiliary of the Fire Department, and is treasurer of the Women's Society for Christian Service.

MICHAEL F. HUGHES—During a period of more than four decades, Michael F. Hughes has been prominent in the hotel business in Haverstraw, Rockland County, a gentleman of many friends and fine record in this community. His ancestry in the United States goes back to a grandfather, bearing the same name, who was a veteran of the War Between the States. His sons con-

tinue the fighting and patriotic traditions of the family as members of the armed forces of their country in this Second World War.

Michael F. Hughes was born in Haverstraw, New York, on October 11, 1883, son of Patrick and Annie A. (Rowan) Hughes. The father, a native of Ireland, was brought to the New World as a boy of eight years, and, after he matured, entered the brick making trade with which he was connected all his life. A sound citizen, he set a most effective example for the son of this record.

Michael F. Hughes was educated in St. Peter's Parochial School and the Haverstraw High School. As a boy he worked in the brickyards during vacations and week-ends, chiefly with Wood & Allison, well known in Haverstraw industrial history. In 1902 he became identified with the hotel business in Haverstraw, and in this association is a popular and successful figure, esteemed by clients from all over the United States and the world, for that matter. At the present writing, 1944, he is the Rockland County representative of the famous Ruppert beverages. Fraternally, Mr. Hughes has been affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for thirty years. He likewise is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of St. Peter's Church, Haverstraw, New York.

At Haverstraw, New York, June 17, 1905, Michael F. Hughes married Catherine Brennan, a native of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are the parents of the following children, all born at Haverstraw: 1. Bernard, a graduate of Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey, now a corporal in the United States Army for the duration of World War II. He married Charlotte Uhl, of Haverstraw, and they have three children: Mary Ann, Bernard, Jr., and Jane. 2. Mildred, a graduate of the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York; she married Dr. Daniel L. Sexton, of St. Louis, Missouri, and is the mother of two daughters: Katherine Mildred, and Joanne Sexton. 3. Howard, a graduate of the Catholic University, Washington, District of Columbia, now serving in the United States Army Intelligence Department, at Washington, District of Columbia. 4. Michael F., Jr., a graduate of Haverstraw High School, who matriculated at Seaton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey; he is now serving in the United States Army Air Corps, for World War II.

HERBERT V. DEDERER—Having spent his entire career in the banking business, Herbert V. Dederer is experienced in its various divisions. He has been employed in banks at Poughkeepsie and Arlington for almost a score of years, and has been associated with the Vassar Bank of Arlington, his present connection, since 1928. He now holds the position of executive cashier at that bank. Well known throughout this district, Mr. Dederer is a member of several social and fraternal organizations here,

in addition to his professional associations in the banking field.

Mr. Dederer was born at Mount Vernon, New York, in March of 1907, son of George N. and Edith M. (King) Dederer. His father, who is now deceased, was engaged in the trade of carriage maker at Mount Vernon and at Poughkeepsie. Herbert V. moved to Poughkeepsie with his family while a child. Here he studied at the public elementary and high schools, receiving there the customary general education.

Having completed his school studies, Mr. Dederer accepted a position with the Poughkeepsie Trust Company, in 1925, and remained with this organization until 1928. In the latter year he became associated with the Vassar Bank of Arlington, New York. After having continued in this connection for several years, he was, in 1933, appointed to the position of executive cashier of the bank.

Mr. Dederer, during his long residence here, has been interested in the development of the city and surrounding district. He has been particularly contributive to the progress of musical expression here, through his work in church choirs and his association with the Dutchess County Music Association, in which he holds the positions of secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Dederer is a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Poughkeepsie. He is vice-chairman of the Dutchess and Putnam Counties Clearing House Association. His social affiliations include membership in the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Poughkeepsie.

In Poughkeepsie, in 1933, Herbert V. Dederer was married to Elizabeth Hapeman. They were communicants of the Hooker Street Reformed Church, in which Mr. Dederer has been a choir member for the past eight years. As this record goes to press he is on active duty with the United States Navy in Pacific waters.

REV. WILLIAM J. NOONAN—In the service of the Holy Catholic Church, the Rev. William J. Noonan has devoted his life to the great good of the parishioners of several churches and the promotion of the best interests of the American metropolis and southeastern New York State communities. He is the pastor of the Sacred Heart Church of Suffern, Rockland County, highly esteemed by his own people and those of the town and environs.

Born in New York City, January 20, 1883, Father Noonan is the son of John and Honora (O'Brien) Noonan, both natives of Ireland. His father came to the United States in early life, settling in New York City, where in his mature life he engaged in the real estate business in the metropolis.

Father Noonan's preliminary education was obtained in the parochial school of St. Vincent d'Paul, New York City, and St. Joseph's Seminary at Yonkers, and he was graduated from St. Francis Xavier's College in 1904, with the Bachelor of Arts degree. On June 10, 1911, he

was ordained to the priesthood and became assistant to the pastor of Our Lady of Loretta, at Cold Spring, New York. From 1912 to 1917 he was assistant pastor at St. Luke's Church, at St. Ann Avenue and Cypress Street, Bronx. Then after serving St. Agnes Catholic Church, New York City, for about one year, he spent from 1918 to 1920 at St. Elizabeth's Church as assistant pastor, and from 1920 to 1929 was assistant rector at St. Catherine's Church, Genoa. From 1929 to October, 1938, Father Noonan was pastor of The Church of Regina, Hyde Park, New York. Since October, 1938, he was made pastor of the Sacred Heart Church at Suffern, New York. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

O. RUNDLE GILBERT—A man of wide and unusual personal interests, O. Rundle Gilbert, of New York City and Garrison, Putnam County, is exceptionally well known in the southeastern part of the State. He is a native of the metropolis, born there in November, 1906, son of the late Walter C. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert, of Carmel, Putnam County. He was educated in the Carmel schools, Horace Mann High School, New York City, and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, a member of the class of 1929.

During the early part of his business career, O. Rundle Gilbert was associated with his father, in the operation of the Gilbert Storage Company, with large warehouses in New York City. In 1933 he initiated his own business, and since that year has grown in reputation as an appraiser of estates and many kinds of property, and as a public auctioneer of estates, with headquarters at No. 505 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and residence in Garrison, on the Hudson River. Mrs. Gilbert is also identified with these business interests.

The favorite recreation of Mr. Gilbert is golf. He knows southeastern New York as few men do, both from the standpoint of a boy who visited many parts of this area, and as a business man. One of his hobbies that has attracted the attention of people and the press is his collection of original patent models dating from 1790 to 1890. It will be recalled that while the Constitution of our country protected patent rights, and the Secretary of State issued patent grants from about 1790, it was not until 1836 that the United States Patent Office was established. The Gilbert Collection, which is reputed to include two hundred and fifty thousand items, is of exceptional potential and actual values, and constitutes an extraordinary contribution to the industrial history of our Nation. Mr. Gilbert is a member of the Carmel Country Club, and attends St. Philip's in-the-Highlands Church, at Garrison.

On March 15, 1933, in New York City, O. Rundle Gilbert married Anne Ward, daughter of Dr. Wilbur Ward and the late Edith (Richards) Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are the parents of five boys, all born in

New York City: Rundle Ward, born June 14, 1935; Richards Clarke, born June 5, 1937; Kenneth Chase, born July 3, 1939; Lisle Barrett, born October 18, 1942, and John Townsend, born October 7, 1944.

JUDGE JOHN ANDREW McKENNA—It is the good fortune of Rockland County to have had, for nearly a decade, the services of John Andrew McKenna as surrogate judge. A regular man among men, college athlete and exemplar of physical fitness, he not only is a lawyer of long and varied experience, but a leader in community affairs, a vigorous supporter of projects and movements that make for the betterment of the community.

Judge John Andrew McKenna is a native of New York City, born January 21, 1892, son of John Joseph and Anna (Michaels) McKenna. His mother, born August 20, 1872, is a resident of New York City. His father, a man of unusual experiences, was born June 4, 1861, and died May 18, 1928. At about the turn into the present century, he moved to Rockland County, New York, where his son of this record, began his education. John Joseph McKenna was long associated with the police force of New York City, and later was fire marshal for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He considered one of the most interesting periods of his life the time in which he was in command of the guard at Grant's Tomb on the Hudson in the northern part of the metropolis. He met extraordinary men from all walks of life, and he also answered thousands of unusual questions from the throngs who visited this famous memorial.

Judge McKenna attended local schools in Rockland, prepared for college in the Nyack High School, and had three years of pre-law studies at Cornell University, before entering Georgetown University, School of Law, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1916. Participating in campus activities, he won prominence in both Cornell and Georgetown as a football and baseball player. His law and judicial career has been wholly identified with Rockland County, whether at Tappan, Piermont, or the municipality of Orangetown. He was a referee in the Department of Labor, State of New York, from 1922 to 1926; was elected, a number of years ago, justice of the peace, town of Orangetown, serving until January, 1935, and in 1934 was elected judge of the county court, surrogate of the children's court, of Rockland County, and has since rendered on the bench much valuable service since January, 1935. Judge McKenna is a member of the Haverstraw Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 877, the Rockland County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Alumni associations of both Georgetown and Cornell universities. He enjoys most sports, but confines his own recreations to fishing, hunting, golf and gardening. His religious

affiliations are with St. John's Catholic Church, village of Piermont, New York.

At Baltimore, Maryland, May 4, 1915, John Andrew McKenna married Catherine G. Prendergast, daughter of Thomas J. and Bridget (Rowan) Prendergast and granddaughter of Michael John Prendergast, a veteran of the War Between the States. Mr. and Mrs. McKenna are the parents of the following children: 1. Conrad Michael, born March 16, 1916, a graduate of Southwestern University, class of 1942, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; now serving in World War II in the United States Navy. 2. Mary Catherine, born September 8, 1917, an employee at Camp Shaw. 3. John Andrew, Jr., born August 16, 1919, a graduate of St. Peter's College, class of 1942, with the degree of Bachelor of Science; now serving as a private in Company L, 155th Infantry, 31st Division, United States Army. 4. Doris Elizabeth, born August 26, 1921, now with the U. S. O., at Nyack. 5. Ann Mercedes, born August 22, 1923. 6. Ella Patricia, born November 5, 1929. 7. George A., born October 20, 1932. 8. Joseph Justus, born February 29, 1936.

ALLEN MARSHALL TUCKER—As utility executive and public-spirited citizen, Allen Marshall Tucker has contributed importantly to developments in the "Tri-State Area" of which Port Jervis is the center. For the successful performance of his many activities, he is unusually broadly prepared by native abilities, studies and experience. He never has considered graduation from college an end in itself, but only as the commencement of studies and research, that have been continued down through more than two decades.

Mr. Tucker was born at Durham, Connecticut, October 17, 1900, of English ancestry. He entered Williams College in 1918 and transferred to Trinity College in 1919. In 1920-1921, he was employed and pursued courses in banking in New Haven, Connecticut. In the scholastic year 1921-1922, he was a student at Trinity College, doing pre-forestry work specializing in sciences. From 1922 to 1924, Mr. Tucker was a student at the Yale School of Forestry, majoring in general forestry, economics, production and management, leading to the degree of Master of Forestry. At that time, 1924, he began his professional and business career, of which later, but in after years did home studies in management, personnel administration, business, and financial organization and management, 1924 to 1940; and had night school courses in vocational counselling and employees election, 1940-41.

The use Mr. Tucker has made of his technical education is as significant as his endeavors to learn what books, colleges and men could teach him. From the Yale School of Forestry he spent some months with the Office of Blister Rust Control, United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, as a blister rust specialist in the northeastern area, with head-

quarters in Boston, Massachusetts. His work and duty were mainly to coördinate the coöperative endeavor between the United States Department of Agriculture and the New England State Forestry departments, and what he accomplished in 1924 received high praise from his superiors.

In 1924, Allen Marshall Tucker became associated with the Rockland Light & Power Company, an electric and gas utility concern of Nyack, New York, which he has since served in varied capacities. His first post in this connection was that of forester in Sullivan County, New York. During the following five years he organized its forestry division and served as division manager. This position dealt with the protection, maintenance, improvement and administration of about twenty-two thousand acres of land with its attendant natural resources. This division employed over two hundred people. Mr. Tucker had full jurisdiction in the selection of superintendents, foremen, woodsmen, millmen, office help, estate help and the like. In addition to managing the operation of four sawmills, and the harvesting of logs, mine props and poles, he sold the entire output of the department. Estate protection, maintenance, improvement, road building, restocking (fish and game) came in for its share of management effort, and additional responsibilities included the purchase of land and rights of way for the hydro development; the clearing of rights of way and reservoir sites; dealing with town boards in closing public highways through the development, and the placing on the tax rolls in six townships the entire valuation of the lands and plants for the Mongaup River Hydro-Electric Development. During this period, Mr. Tucker was directly associated with the officers, directors, engineers, and consultants engaged in the hydro-electric development of the river and played important rôles, especially from the public relations angle in its construction and development. He was offered an opportunity to learn the general management side of the business and transferred to the central office at Nyack, New York.

From 1929 to 1932 as staff clerk serving as assistant to the assistant treasurer and vice-president and general manager, he installed insurable values records which substantially reduced the cost of insurance to the company permanently; organized a plant department filing system; prepared documentary evidence for electric rate cases then in progress; and assisted in the preparation of tax commission and public service commission annual reports, and company monthly reports. An opportunity was offered to learn the commercial phase of the business at Port Jervis, New York, a district serving gas and electricity in three states under three separate public utility commissions. He accepted this position to round out his experience in public and personnel relations; and, in industrial and merchandising sales.

Since 1932 Mr. Tucker has been District Commercial Manager at Port Jervis, New York, making great improvements in public relations and in collection effi-

ciencies; the adoption of suggestions which resulted in reduced operating costs and increased new business. He developed an outstanding district in personnel relations, and assumed the leadership in promoting the commercial, industrial and social life of the community. In the capacity of secretary-treasurer of the Port Jervis Development Committee he is supplying the leadership that has resulted in an inventory of the community's assets and liabilities; in bringing new industry and payrolls to the community; in aiding existing industries to obtain war contracts; in coöperating with State agencies by preparing inventories of idle plants and machine tool equipment, and in enthusing others to aid in the future upbuilding of the region through proper planning, organization and coördination.

Indicative of the exceptional activities of Allen Marshall Tucker in municipal and community affairs and organizations is the following record of official connections. Listing them under two heads, past and present, he has been: President and director of the Port Jervis Rotary Club; executive council Yale Forest School Alumni Association; organizer and director of the Port Jervis Community League; president, Rockland Light & Power Company Square Club; vice-president, Rockland Light & Power Company Mutual Benefit Association; secretary and treasurer, Cliff Lake Club, Inc.; president, Old Falls Paper Mill Company; in the immediate past, first vice-president, Orange-Sullivan Council Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the American Management Association.

As of the summer of 1944, Mr. Tucker is: A member of the executive board, Orange-Sullivan Boy Scouts of America; director and chairman, personnel committee Port Jervis Young Men's Christian Association; finance chairman and war fund chairman of the Port Jervis Chapter American Red Cross; life secretary, class of 1924, Yale School of Forestry; director and chairman, New Business Committee, National Bank & Trust Company of Port Jervis; secretary-treasurer, Port Jervis Development Committee; member of the executive committee, Port Jervis War Council; member of the executive committee of the Port Jervis War Savings Stamp and Bond Committee; executive secretary of the Tri-States Committee for Economic Development; member of the Society of American Foresters; Port Jervis Lodge, No. 328, Free and Accepted Masons; Sigma Chapter, Delta Phi fraternity; and vestryman and lay reader of Grace Episcopal Church of Port Jervis.

Allen Marshall Tucker, son of Wesley Gilbert and Nellie Rose Tucker, of Durham, Connecticut, married Ella Marion Roberts, daughter of Roy Hudson and Hazel Hayward Roberts, of Silver Creek, New York, at the Little Church Around the Corner, on March 20, 1937. Their first child, Allen Marshall Tucker, Jr., died at the age of thirteen months. Their three children now living are: Robert Marshall Tucker, age five; John Marshall Tucker, age two; and Elizabeth Ellen Tucker, age three weeks.

COURT van der WALDE—As owner of Van Der Walde's, in Nyack, Court van der Walde deals extensively in women's and misses' furnishings. This is one of Nyack's leading stores, and his rôle in the affairs of the community is one of leadership and significance.

Mr. van der Walde was born August 13, 1898, in Germany, son of Bernhard and Ella (Goldsmith) van der Walde. His father was a manufacturer of blankets, a resident of New York City.

Public schools provided Court van der Walde's early formal education in Hanover, Germany, and he continued his studies through the equivalent of our high school grades. Coming to New York City in 1923, he entered business life here and became a citizen of the United States in 1930. From New York he came to Nyack, where he established Van Der Walde's in 1934. He is also active in fraternal and community affairs, belonging to the Nyack Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Pythias.

In New York City, in March, 1929, Court van der Walde married Rose Straub, of this city.

ISAAC NEISNER—Conducting a clothing and haberdashery business in Nyack, Isaac Neisner founded the store now known as Neisner's, which has grown and developed until now, after being thoroughly remodeled, it represents an outstanding creation in Rockland County business life.

Mr. Neisner was born December 28, 1865, in Praszka, Poland, son of Wolf and Marian (Goldrad) Neisner. He attended schools in Poland, his native land, as well as in Germany and Russia, and had a thorough traditional Hebrew training. In 1885 he came to the United States, settling first in New Milford, Connecticut, where he peddled different types of wearing apparel. In 1889 he came to Nyack and established here a men's furnishings store at No. 85 Main Street, where he remained thereafter until 1903. In 1902 he purchased the vacant lot at No. 82 Main Street, and there erected the first up-to-date building in the entire county of Rockland.

People in this area were astounded by the structure, which was far in advance of the period at the time of its creation. Commodious as it was, it became, after a time, inadequate to the needs of the Neisner store, whereupon it was completely remodeled in 1940, both inside and outside. It is now similar in all important features to the typical Fifth Avenue shops in New York, and is of such character as to do credit to any community. The Neisners carry only the finest clothing and furnishings, and since 1898 Isaac Neisner has had, as an associate, his brother, Jacob Neisner, also a native of Praszka, Poland, who came to the United States in 1898 and immediately joined his brother in the Nyack business.

Both brothers have helped to make this business the successful enterprise that it is, and both have taken the deepest interest in Nyack affairs. Isaac Neisner is a life

member of Orangetown Engine Company No. 1. Formerly he served as treasurer of the Nyack Board of Trade and was president of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel, in Nyack. He belongs to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 21, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in New Milford, Connecticut, where he is a life member. His brother is also active in Masonry, being a life member of Composite Lodge, No. 819, of New York City. Jacob Neisner is a life member, too, of the Mazeppa Engine Company, of Nyack, and of the Chamber of Commerce here, and belongs to Onoko Lodge, No. 122, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Grant Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Isaac Neisner married, May 7, 1890, Celia Rosenberg, of Poughkeepsie, New York, who died February 6, 1934. They were the parents of a daughter, Hortense, who married Harold L. Meyer (*q. v.*).

HAROLD L. MEYER—As a young man, Harold L. Meyer became associated with one of the important business firms of Nyack, Rockland County, and thereafter has been increasingly outstanding in the life and affairs of the community. He is a native of New York City, born November 6, 1901, son of Max and Jennie (Davis) Meyer, his father being a retired clothing manufacturer.

Mr. Meyer acquired his formal education in the grammar schools of the metropolis, the Bushwick High School, and New York University. Having chosen a career, he went for his technical training to the Bradford Durfee Textile School, Fall River, Massachusetts, where he was graduated in 1924, as a designer of textiles. From 1924 to 1927 he was identified with textile brokerage in New York City, as a professional designer. Already he had attained experience when, from 1920 to 1922, he was in the employ of Cohn-Hall-Marx Company, textiles, New York.

Since June, 1927, Harold L. Meyer has been associated with the Isaac Neisner (*q. v.*) enterprise in Nyack, and during that period has made his home in this charming community. He is the treasurer and a member of the board of the Nyack Chamber of Commerce, and frequently to the fore in the promotion of the best industrial and commercial interests of the city. A member of the modern equivalent of the Nyack Home Guard, and an air raid warden, he is a leader in local endeavors to contribute to the winning of the global war. Incidentally he has been a blood donor several times, is a member of the "Gallon Club," and supports liberally organizations and undertakings that make for the benefit of our military forces at home and abroad. Fraternally Mr. Meyer is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias of Nyack, and is a former president of the Nyack Lions Club. He worships in Temple Israel, Nyack.

In January, 1928, at New York City, Harold L. Meyer married Hortense Neisner of Nyack, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Isaac Neisner. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have two sons: Edward, born in March, 1932; and Charles, born in May, 1936.

HENRY FRIEDLAND—Conducting the Blue Bird Shop, in Nyack, Henry Friedland is widely known in this region as retailer of ladies' apparel.

Mr. Friedland was born January 26, 1904, in Elbing, Germany, son of Max and Wanda (Flater) Friedland. His parents now reside in New York City, where the father is an accountant, after many years of service in Elbing, his native German community, as a department store owner and operator.

Educated in German and English schools, Henry Friedland came to the United States in October, 1933, and settled in Nyack on November 23, that year. He purchased the Blue Bird Specialty Shop here on November 23, 1933, and he still continues to operate this business. He became a United States citizen in 1938. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias in Nyack, and is active in the Congregation Sons of Israel here, while his wife is a member of the women's auxiliary of the Sons of Israel. In leisure time Mr. Friedland is fond of traveling.

In Berlin, Germany, October 9, 1928, Henry Friedland married Sally Krutz, sister of Dr. Herbert V. Krutz, of Nyack. They became the parents of one son, Jerry Friedland, who was born November 14, 1930, in Elbing, Germany.

ROYDEN GARRABRANT—As chief of the Nyack Police Department, Royden Garrabrant has rendered valuable services to his home community.

Mr. Garrabrant was born November 11, 1908, in Central Nyack, Rockland County, New York, son of Frank Garrabrant, a native of Nyack, and Annie (McKenzie) Garrabrant, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. Her father was a plumbing and heating contractor.

Public schools provided Royden Garrabrant's early formal education, and after graduation from high school in Nyack in 1926 he became a student at the Drake Business School, in New York City. There he was graduated in 1928. Between that year and 1932 he played professional baseball. On April 1, 1933, Mr. Garrabrant was appointed special patrolman of the village of Nyack, and in January, 1936, he was promoted to regular patrolman under civil service regulations. In April, 1937, he was promoted to lieutenant of the Nyack Police Department as a result of his civil service examination. Continuing as a lieutenant until September, 1942, he was then made acting chief, so serving until May, 1943, the time of his appointment as chief of the local department. He won his present post wholly by success in competitive examinations, and earned thereby the hearty acclaim of his contemporaries in all departments of life. In an editorial

published June 1, 1943, in the Nyack "Journal-News," he was spoken of in the following terms:

Chief Royden Garrabrant of the Nyack police force came up to the top the tough way and there is no one who can say that he failed to earn the promotion and appointment the village trustees have given him. It's the sort of rise to the top of the heap that the average American likes to read about for it shows that the story about this country being a land of opportunity is not just a fanciful tale.

"Garry" has been on the force long enough to prove that he has a level head on his shoulders and that he was willing to work for any promotion that a place in the police department might afford him. When the opportunity came he took advantage of it and he now holds the highest place the department affords.

Chief Garrabrant is a young man but he is also a good officer, not one to be influenced one way or another but taking the course that duty points out. His record in the department has been consistently good and he has attended strictly to business.

His advancement brings also a touch of pleasure to the many of his age in the county who knew him as a ball player a dozen or so years ago. "Garry" was a catcher of no mean reputation and when he was playing ball he put everything he had into it. The same sort of interest in his chosen work has produced dividends and it stands to reason that he will put everything he has into being a good chief of police, one of whom the village may be proud.

In January, 1944, Mr. Garrabrant was selected by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, to be one of the attendants at the FBI National Police Academy, in Washington, District of Columbia. He was so chosen because he was recognized as one of the outstanding law enforcement officers in the country, and it should be mentioned in this connection that he went to the academy and was graduated with honors April 15, 1944. Mr. Garrabrant is a member of the FBI National Police Academy Association and of the Police Benevolent Association of Rockland County. He is also a member of the New York State Chiefs' Association. He is a member of Orangetown Engine Company. His church is Grace Episcopal. In spare time he is fond of baseball and is still rooting for the Pittsburgh "Pirates" with whom he tried out in 1931.

Royden Garrabrant married, in July, 1936, in Nyack, New York, Mary McNichol, of this place, daughter of the late Michael McNichol, former chief probation officer of this county, who at the time of his death was the oldest deputy sheriff in Rockland County in age and in point of years of service. He died in June, 1937. Mrs. Garrabrant has a daughter of an earlier marriage—Mary Isabel Phillips, born in Nyack in March, 1928.

WILLIAM WIEGAND—For years active as a practicing architect, William Wiegand, of New City, has been connected with many leading firms in New York, as well as in many other states, including Michigan and Wisconsin.

Mr. Wiegand was born November 1, 1884, in Bebra, Hesse-Cassel, Germany. After completing his preliminary schooling, he studied at the University of Darmstadt, taking a full course of architectural training. Coming to the United States in 1907, he settled first of all in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he became associated with different firms of architects and was instructor in architecture at the Milwaukee University School until 1910. In 1910 and 1911 he was in Paris, and also traveled in many other European countries, but in 1911 he returned to New York and became associated with Wilson Eyre, who was outstanding in his field. Subsequently he was connected with the firm of George B. Post & Sons, as well as with Cross & Cross and with the construction firm of Mark Eidlitz.

Then, from 1914 to 1916, he was connected with the New York City Heights of Buildings Commission. In 1916 he began his own private practice as an architect. Since that time he has continued along these same lines, with the sole exception that during the depression years he was appointed to an engineering post as resident engineer of the inspection division in connection with Public Works Administration. Mr. Wiegand did a great deal of architectural work for the private firm of L. O. Koven & Brother, Inc., in Jersey City and Dover, New Jersey, and had previously worked for Schering & Glatz, in Bloomfield, Eimer & Amend, in New York, the New York Eskimo Pie Corporation, and the New-Street School District No. 4 at New City. Highly successful in his work, he has concerned himself with a wide variety of interests, and is a member of the Society of Architects of the State of Michigan.

William Wiegand married, in Closter, New Jersey, Grace Michell, daughter of Albert Michell and Charlotte (Crawford) Michell of England and Rockland County, respectively. Charlotte Crawford's grandfather was the Episcopal Rector at Donnybrook Castle, in Ireland. By a previous marriage Mrs. Wiegand had one son, Donald Louis Gordon, who is a physician, serving at the time of writing as a lieutenant, senior grade, in the navy; a graduate of McGill University Medical School, Montreal, he resides in Jackson, Michigan. The Wiegands live on South Mountain Road, New City.

JOSEPH TROXELL—The outstanding features of the career of Joseph Troxell are possibly versatility, and the breadth of his interests. He is a Marylander who, after important business connections of a wide variety, came to Putnam County and became the developer of a very fine cottage colony in the Carmel section. As is to be expected, he is a citizen especially interested in civic affairs and coöperative in movements and organizations that work for the benefit of the community.

Mr. Troxell was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, May 15, 1878, son of William D. and Sarah (Pusey) Troxell, both natives of Maryland, where his father was a retail

shoemaker of custom-made shoes, in a day when footwear was made by hand, and the artisan who could do this was highly rated by his fellowmen. The former Sarah Pusey was a descendant of William Penn, and there are many interesting records and traditions in this connection.

Joseph Troxell was reared in his birth city, and attended public and private schools. At the age of only fifteen years he became a resident of New York City, and in the furtherance of his education attended the Young Men's Christian Association night schools, Eastman Business College, of Poughkeepsie, where he made his first contacts with the Hudson River Valley country, and pursued extension courses provided by Columbia University. In other words, Mr. Troxell early in life and while earning a livelihood, recognized the value of acquiring all that could be obtained from educational institutions and from books, aids to practical experience.

He has engaged in many activities and has learned at first hand a great deal about business, cities and men. An incomplete list of his business activities might read like this: One year in New York City in the commissary department of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; association for five years with a brother, the late Johnson M. Troxell, in a printing establishment; one and one-half years in the general passenger agent's office of the Central Railroad of New Jersey as assistant advertising agent; then in the general freight agent's office of the Long Island Railroad; secretary in the executive offices of the general educational board, a Rockefeller agency; eighteen months traveling throughout the South reporting educational conferences.

The foregoing is preliminary, and not the end of the commercial career of Joseph Troxell, for from 1904 to 1925, he was identified with the automobile business in New York City, as agent, service manager, transportation manager and executive, with the Traveler's Taxicab Company. Until 1942, when he retired, he also was an appraiser of property damages for a number of New York insurance corporations. Altogether his life has been noteworthy for variety and interest and importance. His connection with Putnam County realty development was incidental, almost accidental. So long ago as 1916 he purchased the Alotson-Dean property of some thirty acres at Lake Gilead, town of Carmel. Like many metropolitan people, he realized that this part of southeastern New York was a most attractive place in which to live, or at least maintain a summer home within easy access to New York City. The rise of the automobile as a universal means of transportation and the building of splendid highways were contributing factors in his undertaking to create an attractive cottage colony on his land. Under his able direction this idea has been eminently successful, and down the years he has increased his holdings three-fold until his enterprise comprises some one hundred acres. Mr. Troxell is notably public-spirited and

contributes valuably to local progress and welfare. Fraternally he is affiliated with Manitou Lodge, No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Veteran Masonry of New York, and the Carmel Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He worships in the faith of the Baptist Church. With most excellent reasons he is proud of his family. He makes a hobby of fishing, and never lags in his interest in Carmel and Putnam County affairs.

In New York City, December 28, 1904, Joseph Troxell married Josephine Marchionetti, daughter of Charles and Delphine (Violet) Marchionetti. Mr. and Mrs. Troxell are the parents of the following children: 1. Joseph Martin, born in New York City; educated in New York City grade school and the high school of Carmel; a graduate of New York University, with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, and of Columbia University, with the degree of Master of Arts. He taught school in East Orange, New Jersey, for twelve years, and at the time of writing is head of the department of English at the Technical School of Aviation, São Paulo, Brazil. Joseph Martin Troxell married Charlotte Buell, of Los Angeles, California, and they have a daughter, Nancy-Jo, born in East Orange, in November, 1938. Mrs. Troxell is the sister of Dr. Raymond Buell, former president of the Foreign Policy Association, of America, who was one of the editors of "Fortune Magazine" in 1939, at the time he promoted the nomination of Wendell Willkie by the Republican party at Philadelphia, and then was much to the fore in the campaign which followed. 2. Anne Marie, born in New York City; educated in grade and high schools of Carmel; a graduate of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland; attended New York University, from which she received the degree of Master of Arts, and then taught in the schools of Carmel and Armonk, New York. She married John M. Crowley, former town clerk of Armonk, and they have a daughter, Maryan, born in 1938. 3. Josephine Martha, born in New York City; a graduate of Carmel High School, with honors; graduate of Goucher College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and from Columbia University, with the degree of Master of Arts, and at this time (1944) earning her Doctor of Philosophy degree at Columbia. She serves as supervisor of schools of Montgomery County, Maryland. She married Carl Hartman, manager of the Overseas News Agency, Washington, District of Columbia.

AUGUSTUS W. BENNET—Prominent in civic affairs in Newburgh and the surrounding district, Augustus W. Bennet has been a member of the bar of the State of New York for more than a score of years, and from 1923 to 1944 was a United States Referee in Bankruptcy. In 1942, in the primaries of the Republican party he opposed the veteran congressman from this district, Hamilton Fish, and made an impressive showing,

gaining support from many quarters; and in 1944 was elected to this office. At Newburgh, Mr. Bennet has been active in community work and in support of war activities. Well known throughout his home district, he is a member of numerous social and fraternal organizations, and has been a leader in the work of civic and service groups.

Mr. Bennet was born on October 7, 1897, at New York City, son of William Stiles and Gertrude (Witschief) Bennet. His father was born at Port Jervis on November 9, 1870, attending school there prior to his matriculation at Albany Law School, from which he graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Ursinus College in 1910. In addition to conducting a private practice of law, William Stiles Bennet served as a member of the New York State Assembly from 1901 to 1902; as justice of the municipal court in New York, in 1903; as a member of the United States Congress from 1905 to 1911 and from 1915 to 1917. He was a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention in 1938. Member of many professional and learned bodies, he also served two terms as president of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Augustus W. Bennet received his early education in the Adams School, at Washington, District of Columbia, and in the public schools of New York City. He matriculated at Amherst College, completed the undergraduate curriculum there, and took the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1918. During 1918 and 1919, he served in the United States Naval Aviation Corps, as chief quartermaster. He turned to Columbia University for his legal training, after his release from service, concluding his professional courses in 1921, to graduate with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

In 1921, Mr. Bennet was admitted to the bar of the State of New York. He began at that time a private general practice of law at Newburgh, which he continues at the present time. He was appointed in 1923 as a United States Referee in Bankruptcy, and continued in that capacity until he resigned in 1944 to run for Congress. His professional affiliations include membership in the Newburgh Bar Association, of which he has been president, the Orange County Bar Association, and the New York State Bar Association.

Mr. Bennet is a Republican in politics, and has been an enthusiastic supporter of the principles and candidates of this party, taking his place as an active worker in the local organization of the party. He has turned his attention to civic affairs at Newburgh, serving in several positions. He is a past president of the Newburgh Community Fund; a former member and secretary of Selective Service Local Board No. 303; was a member of the local executive committee for the Second War Loan; is a past president of the Rotary Club at Newburgh; president of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce; and,



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for many years, president of the Newburgh branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of Balmville Grange, and of Galloway Post of the American Legion, in which he has twice been service officer. His social affiliations include membership in Psi Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities; the Newburgh Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, in which he serves as president; and the Masonic Order. He is a Past Master of Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Past District Deputy Grand Master, Orange and Rockland Counties district; and member of Highland Chapter, No. 52, of the Royal Arch Masons. His favorite recreation is tennis.

On October 19, 1929, at Memphis, Tennessee, Augustus W. Bennet was married to Maxine Layne, daughter of Maximilian Layne, a retired lumber dealer. They are members of the Union Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Bennet serves as president of the board of trustees, and are active together in the civic and social enterprises of Newburgh. They are the parents of three children: 1. Linda, born June 12, 1932. 2. William Stiles, II, born April 30, 1934. 3. Susanne Graham, born February 20, 1937.

T. GERARD BAKER—The name of Baker has long been associated with the professional and civic circles of Spring Valley, Rockland County, New York. Thomas W. Baker, father, born on June 6, 1876, in New York City, was educated in this American metropolis and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from New York University, in 1901. He practiced law in New York until 1915, when he removed to Spring Valley to continue his professional work. Thomas W. Baker was a member of Athelstane Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Spring Valley, and Rockland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Nyack, as well as of the Rockland County Bar Association. He was a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Spring Valley. During the First World War he served overseas in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among the soldiers on the French front. His death in November, 1939, was widely mourned.

Thomas W. Baker married Grace Bancker, and they were the parents of T. Gerard Baker, born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on January 15, 1906. After attending the grade schools and graduating from the Spring Valley High School in 1923, he matriculated at St. John's University, at Brooklyn, New York, pursuing pre-law courses until 1927. In 1930 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from this institution. Admitted to the New York State bar in March, 1931, he served a clerkship under his father, and since the death of the elder man has practiced independently.

A Republican in his political faith, T. Gerard Baker is active in the councils and campaigns of his party. To serve the unexpired term of the late Charles T. Allen, in 1940, he was appointed justice of the peace, and was

elected to this office in the fall elections of 1940, town of Ramapo, which he continues to serve. He was president of the Spring Valley Republican Club, and also president of the Association of Town Officials of the town of Ramapo. He is a popular member of the Spring Valley Rotary Club. Mr. Baker's professional affiliations are with the New York State Bar Association and the Rockland County Bar Association, of which latter organization he is a director. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstane Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

On March 18, 1930, T. Gerard Baker married Ruth A. Hauptman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hauptman, members of old established families of Spring Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of three children, all born at Spring Valley: Nancy, in December, 1930; Claire, June 18, 1934; and Thomas, June 14, 1938.

CHARLES LAFAYETTE WANAMAKER—Engaged in business as a funeral director, Charles L. Wanamaker is a member of the firm of Wanamaker & Carlough, Inc., with main offices in Suffern and a branch in Ramsey, New Jersey.

Mr. Wanamaker was born June 5, 1890, at Monsey, Rockland County, New York, son of George W. and Catherine Ann (Beers) Wanamaker, who were also natives of Rockland County.

Public schools in Monsey and Suffern provided Charles L. Wanamaker's early formal education, and he early served an apprenticeship to the plumber's trade, which he learned when only ten years old. He learned the business under the guidance of George A. Beers, of Suffern, and continued in the trade for about fourteen years. It was in 1927 that he entered the profession in which he still continues active, at first associating himself with P. S. Van Orden Sons, established in 1868 in Suffern. For about a year he continued as an apprentice in this new profession. Then, in 1928, he became a member of the Van Orden firm.

About 1930 Mr. Wanamaker purchased an interest in the Van Orden business, and shortly afterward the firm of Wanamaker & Carlough, Inc., was formed, consisting of Charles L. Wanamaker, Edwin F. Wanamaker and Winfield A. Carlough. The organization remained intact as such until 1939, when Edwin F. Wanamaker went into business on his own account in Spring Valley. Wanamaker and Carlough now carry on the business in Suffern, as indicated above, with Charles L. Wanamaker in charge here. Mr. Carlough is in charge of the branch at Ramsey, New Jersey.

Charles L. Wanamaker is a graduate of the Renouard School of Embalming, New York City, and he belongs to a number of professional organizations, including the New York State Funeral Directors' Association, the New Jersey State Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association. He is a member of the Suffern Rotary Club, a director of the Suffern

Boys' School, Inc., (*q. v.*), and a committeeman for Troop No. 24 of the Boy Scouts of America. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Ramapo Lodge, No. 589, of Suffern and Ramapo Chapter, No. 673, of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member of the Airmont Lutheran Church.

In Airmont, New York, June 18, 1912, Charles L. Wanamaker married Bertha M. Wanamaker, daughter of James W. Wanamaker, of that community. Mr. and Mrs. Wanamaker became the parents of the following children: 1. Lawrence, born March 27, 1916, in Monsey, New York, graduated from public schools in Airmont, Suffern High School and the New York Military Academy (Cornwall), now a sergeant on the Erie Railroad police force; he married Ann Fehsal, of Nyack, and they became the parents of three children, Lorelei, Charles Henry, and Lawrence, Jr. 2. Kenneth Charles, born June 7, 1922, graduated from Airmont public schools and Suffern High School, class of 1943, a first-class seaman aboard the "Mayflower," in the service of the navy during the Second World War. He married Anna Mae Etherington of Gloucester City, New Jersey.

MICHAEL MOSCARELLA—In Spring Valley, Rockland County, the name Moscarella is both well known and honored as that of Americans who have exemplified in their lives the best traditions of our Nation. Of three brothers, one was the first from this community to lose his life in the service of his country during the First World War; another is serving in the United States Navy during the present Second World War. Michael Moscarella was too young to be admitted to the armed forces in the first war, and is now considered too old for active duty. His career has been that of a boy and man who worked hard and long and now enjoys the results of his industry. Needless to say that he is a sound and progressive citizen who contributes in many ways to the progress and promotion of the best interests of his community.

Michael Moscarella was born in New York City, on June 8, 1902, son of Anthony and Antonetta (De Stefani) Moscarella, both natives of Italy who came to the United States as young people and lived in New York City. The father and mother are deceased. As already indicated, there were three sons. Anthony was the first to enlist in World War I from Spring Valley, and the first soldier from this community to pay the final sacrifice. Just one year after his enlistment, he was killed in the Argonne Forest Campaign. The American Legion Post in Spring Valley is named in his honor. Another brother, Dr. Alfred Moscarella, physician and surgeon, is now (1944) a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy.

Michael Moscarella, with whom this record is primarily concerned, began earning a part of his own living while still attending school, and for about ten years was connected with the J. Heald Drug Store of Spring Valley.

From 1916 to 1919 he was with the L. K. Liggett Drug Company, New York City, in the latter named year returning to Spring Valley where he was a carpenter for several years. In 1924 he established himself in business in Spring Valley, operating a store that sold ice cream and confectionery, perfumes and many other articles. At one time he had three of these shops, but the national financial depression did not spare him, and he sold his enterprises. From 1929 to 1941, he was in the employ of the State Hospital, at Rockland, as supervisor of materials and equipment. In 1940, however, Michael Moscarella was ready to start a personal enterprise, and he purchased a diner, that is now the very popular Village Diner, in Spring Valley. He never has lost his zest for community affairs, and one of the clubs he enjoys is the Lions Club of Spring Valley. He makes his home on a fine estate on Buena Vista Road, New City, Rockland County. It is a charming place of fourteen acres with swimming pool, a purchase he made some dozen years ago.

In New York City, July 1, 1922, Michael Moscarella married Edna Lespinasse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lespinasse. Mr. and Mrs. Moscarella are the parents of two children: 1. Antonetta, born at Spring Valley, April 6, 1923; educated at the English Church School, Pomona. 2. Carolu, born at Spring Valley, May 4, 1934.

MICHAEL A. KOMONCHOK—Associated with the New York Central Railroad at Weehawken, New Jersey, Michael A. Komonchok makes his home at Haverstraw, where he centers a great deal of important civic work.

Mr. Komonchok was born in Haverstraw, New York, August 31, 1895, son of Andrew and Mary (Warga) Komonchok.

Attending both St. Peter's Parochial School and the Haverstraw public schools, Michael A. Komonchok was employed in boyhood in Haverstraw brickyards, serving in different capacities and gaining a thorough grasp of the industry. During the First World War he served in the 17th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army. At the conclusion of hostilities, when he resumed his civilian labors, Mr. Komonchok entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad, continuing in this connection at Weehawken down to the time of writing.

At the same time Mr. Komonchok has interested himself in a wide range of civic work in Haverstraw, where he continues to make his home. In the spring of 1934 he was elected a village trustee for a two-year term. Re-elected in 1936, he served until 1938. In the autumn of 1937 he was elected a town councilman, although he continued as a trustee until April 1, 1938, resigning only when the time came for him to enter upon his new duties as a councilman. In addition to extensive public work, Mr. Komonchok is active in a number of civic and community organizations. He belongs to Harold B. Holt

Post, No. 46, of the American Legion (Haverstraw). He is a member of Relief Hose Company No. 3. In the fall of 1941 he was renominated and reelected councillor of the town of Haverstraw, and he so continues down to the time of writing. A member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Haverstraw, Mr. Komonchok is treasurer of the Knights of Columbus here and president of St. Mary's Holy Name Society. In leisure time he enjoys outdoor sports and healthful recreations. In earlier years he was outstanding in athletic work, particularly distinguishing himself in football.

On May 19, 1918, Michael A. Komonchok married, in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Haverstraw, New York, Lillian Donnelly, of West Haverstraw, daughter of Frank and Mary (Kelly) Donnelly, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Komonchok became the parents of the following children: 1 and 2. Michael A. and Edward F. (twins), both born in Haverstraw, both died in infancy. 3. Joseph D., born also in Haverstraw, died in a railway accident at the age of sixteen years. 4. Francis M., died at the age of seven years. 5. Mary Gloria, born June 17, 1927, in Haverstraw, graduated from Haverstraw High School in 1944, entered Ladycliffe College-on-the-Hudson in the autumn of that year.

JACOB KAPPEL and LILLIAN KAPPEL—Engaged in the automobile business in the town of Putnam Valley, in Putnam County, Jacob Kappel conducts a garage and serves here as distributor of Ford cars and products. His wife, Lillian (Morstatt) Kappel, owns a tavern at Putnam Valley.

Mr. Kappel was born June 17, 1897, in New York City, son of August and Henrietta (De Young) Kappel. His father, born in New York, was a cousin of the late Jacob Ruppert, and worked with him in the conduct of the great Ruppert brewing interests.

New York City schools provided Jacob Kappel's early formal education, and from 1919 until 1930 he was engaged in business on his own account in New York, where he was the authorized Ford dealer and service station proprietor. In 1928 he came to make his home in Putnam Valley, where, April 1, 1930, he established his own business as a garage owner and Ford dealer. He continues this work today and is active in Putnam Valley affairs, notably as an active member of the local Democratic Club. He is a member, too, of the Mohegan Volunteer Fire Department of Putnam Valley.

An active fraternalist, he is a member of Greenwich Lodge, No. 467, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in New York City, and Peekskill Lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member, too, of Peekskill Post of the American Legion, No. 274, and belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. During the First World War, Mr. Kappel was with the 425th Motor Truck Company, 422d Motor Supply, as a corporal, serving

in the army for two years overseas. In leisure time he enjoys outdoor life, particularly baseball.

On January 1, 1923, at St. Mary's Church, White Plains Avenue, the Bronx, New York City, Jacob Kappel married Lillian Morstatt, a native of the Bronx, daughter of Valentine and Dorothea (Rodenhausen) Morstatt. Mr. and Mrs. Kappel have shared an interest in business life, Mrs. Kappel conducting her own business—a tavern in Putnam Valley—as already indicated. They have a daughter, Mary Jane K. Kappel, born January 5, 1926, in New York, attended the Putnam Valley Central School and Peekskill High School.

SAMUEL WEINSTEIN DRESS COMPANY—RUTH BAUMAN—In 1917, Samuel Weinstein founded the dress company which bears his name. As the business grew to increasing proportions and he was compelled to seek a better place for his business, he moved his plant to No. 16 Burd Street, Nyack, Rockland County, where he continued as its head until his passing on February 10, 1941. Since that time the factory and company have been operated by his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Weinstein Bauman. During the past year Mrs. Bauman took a class of high school girls and taught them factory training under direct supervision. This is the first time this has ever been tried and the experiment was highly successful. The company is one of the important industrial concerns of this part of southeastern New York, and Mrs. Bauman is the only woman operating a factory in Rockland County.

Ruth Weinstein was educated in the Nyack grade and high schools, and early became familiar with her father's enterprise. In New York City, on November 15, 1934, she married Morris Bauman. Mr. and Mrs. Bauman are the parents of two children: 1. Lloyd Michael, born April 2, 1937. 2. Susan Hope, born September 29, 1939.

Ruth Weinstein Bauman is exceptionally to the fore in business, civic, social and humanitarian groups. She is affiliated with the Joan of Arc Temple, Pythian Sisters, of which she is a past chief; Nyack Chapter of Hadassah, Suffern Hospital, Nyack Hospital, The E. R. F. Philanthropic League of Spring Valley, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Israel, of which she is a past secretary, and a leader of young Judaeans.

BENJAMIN N. ASHTON—Long active in aviation engineering, Benjamin N. Ashton is now associated with Electrol, Inc., in Kingston, as president and general manager. This company is engaged in the production of hydraulic equipment for airplanes, and is at the time of writing performing a highly important service to the country and to the United Nations in war time.

Mr. Ashton was born June 11, 1904, in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of Benjamin N. and Mary Jane (Keegan)

Ashton. His parents were both of Scottish birth and background, and his father was a blacksmith by trade.

Public schools in his native Scottish district afforded Benjamin N. Ashton his education, and he early decided upon a career in engineering. He connected himself with the Fairchild Aviation Corporation as a mechanical engineer, then afterward was with the W. L. Maxon Corporation. He came to the Electrol organization in 1940 as chief engineer, and later, as changes were effected in the organization, he became vice-president in charge of engineering, and on February 2, 1945, became president and general manager, succeeding R. B. Criddle (*q. v.*). The company, of which Frank I. Bertsch (*q. v.*) is secretary-treasurer, has grown and developed rapidly during the present war crisis, and now employs six hundred workers and occupies eighty-five thousand square feet of floor space. Its hydraulic equipment for aircraft has won the plaudits of the navy, which absorbs much of the plant's production, and of the fighting men themselves, who report that they feel safe when they know that their hydraulic equipment will work without fail at a fraction of a second's notice. Further details concerning the company are to be found under the heading of Mr. Criddle's name, in this volume.

Mr. Ashton is not only president and general manager of the Electrol company and also president of the Apollo Company, a related enterprise in Kingston, but is active in civic and social affairs here. He is a member of the Kingston Rotary Club. He has a host of friends in all walks of life in this city.

In 1933 Benjamin N. Ashton married Hope Esporin, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Benjamin N., III, born in 1934. 2. Robert, born in 1939.

ROBERT V. STAPLETON—In Ellenville, Robert V. Stapleton is engaged in a general practice of law. He takes a deep interest in the civic life of Ellenville.

Mr. Stapleton was born December 10, 1912, in Woodridge, New York, son of John and Jessie Margaret (Watson) Stapleton. His father conducts a wholesale dairy business in Woodridge, New York, and Miami, Florida.

Public schools in Woodridge, his New York State birthplace, provided Robert V. Stapleton's early formal education, and after he completed his high school studies he became a student at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1938 he was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws from St. John's University Law School. Admitted to the New York State bar in 1939, Mr. Stapleton commenced his active practice in Woodridge, where for two years he was a partner of S. Wallace Kagan. For a year and a half thereafter he was engaged in private practice. Coming to Ellenville on July 15, 1942, he entered upon a general practice of his profession in this community, where he still continues along these lines.

A Democrat in his political alignment, Mr. Stapleton was for three years a police magistrate in Woodridge. Among his other activities, he is corporation counsel of the village of Ellenville. He is a member of the Sullivan County Bar Association and the Ulster County Bar Association, and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Noonday Club of Ellenville. In spare time he derives great enjoyment from golf. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

On November 11, 1940, in Monticello, New York, Robert V. Stapleton married Ann Mary Cooke, daughter of John A. and Anna F. Cooke. Her father was a department store owner in Monticello, a partner in the firm of Hammond & Cooke.

JOSEPH J. DeLUCCIA—The founder and president of the Cold Spring Finishing Company was no inexperienced industrial executive when he established this important industry in the Hudson River Valley section of Putnam County, New York. He had learned his business from the ground up, had been the initiator of his own enterprises and brought to his present company the knowledge, abilities and leadership required to make it successful in a most difficult period in American affairs.

Mr. DeLuccia was born in Paterson, New Jersey, on July 29, 1901, son of Nicholas and Theresa (Orico) DeLuccia, both natives of Italy, who in their youth came to the United States. Mrs. DeLuccia is living. Nicholas DeLuccia died in 1925. He had crossed to New York City in about 1885, and had become a most respected merchant in Paterson.

The son of this record was encouraged to obtain a good American education, and attended the public schools of his birth city, and also studied chemistry in courses provided by the New York City Young Men's Christian Association. His first employment of importance to his later career was with an uncle, James DeLuccia, who was in the piece dyeing business in Paterson, under the trade title of the Specialty Piece Dyeing Company. After five years Joseph J. DeLuccia went with Kaufman Brothers, large dyers and printers of textiles in New York City, with whom he remained for some ten years. When he resigned from this concern to inaugurate his own firm, it was as an experienced superintendent. In 1928 Mr. DeLuccia started the Triangle Engraving Corporation, in Paterson, of which he continued as head until 1943. In 1939 he also founded the Triangle Piece Dyeing Company, in this city, serving as president and treasurer until 1940, when he came to Cold Spring, New York, to establish the Cold Spring Finishing Company, piece dyers and finishers of fabrics, of which he has since been president and treasurer. About seventy-five people are employed, and like any important enterprise this one contributes importantly to the prosperity of the community and welfare of its citizens.



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Joseph J. DeLuccia is a member of the Rayon Textile Printers and Finishers Association; of the Cold Spring Lions Club, and the Philipstown Rod and Gun Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Paterson Lodge, No. 60, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In public activities, Mr. DeLuccia is vice-chairman of the finance commission of the war loan organization in Putnam County, and chairman of the salvage committee of Putnam County. In politics he is a Republican, and while a resident of Paterson, was commissioner of its board of education. During World War I, although hardly more than a lad, Mr. DeLuccia enlisted in the United States Army, with the 3d Field Artillery unit. He belongs to the Pasquariello Post, No. 187, American Legion. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church.

On October 14, 1923, Joseph J. DeLuccia married Rose Napolitano, of Paterson, daughter of Joseph and Angelina (Caprice) Napolitano. Mr. and Mrs. DeLuccia are the parents of three sons: 1. Nicholas V., born in Paterson, New Jersey, May 3, 1926, now serving in the United States Army for World War II. 2 and 3. Charles R. and William A., (twins), born April 25, 1930, both undergraduates at the New York Military Academy, at Cornwall, New York.

ROBERT CHESTER PYE—In the Nyack section of Rockland County, the name Robert Chester Pye is associated with floriculture at its best, in the minds of most residents. This gentleman of English birth has specialized in the production and sale of flowers in Nyack since the turn of the century. In this most exacting profession he is an expert who, by the hard way, climbed to eminence in his art and work.

Mr. Pye is descended from a long line of horticulturalists, to use the more comprehensive term for this profession, being the son of William Pye, an English grower of all the plants and crops that are suitable to his native country. William Pye, born at Shrewsbury, England, married Elizabeth Chester, also a native of that place, and they became the parents of Robert Chester Pye. In accord with sound old British customs, he remained more or less closely associated with his father, learning the older man's vocation by a long apprenticeship. When he became of age he began to think of branching out for himself, which also was expected of him by his parents, and it was with parental blessings that in 1893 he set out for the United States in search of wider horticultural knowledge, intending eventually to pass on to Australia and South Africa.

Mr. Pye arrived in America at a time when one of those periodic business depressions was beginning, but he found work with one Frank R. Pierson, a well-known florist of Tarrytown, New York. After two years he started out to get better acquainted with the United States, its horticultural possibilities, the variety of climates and plants in an immense country. During several

years he plied his vocation from coast to coast and from the north well into the south. Whether or not these wanderings were particularly profitable, does not matter, for they gave Mr. Pye a further knowledge of horticulture, floriculture, and even farming, in the United States, that is exceptional in scope. When he says that a certain ornamental variety of plant will or will not do well in certain states and localities, he answers with authority. He knows whereof he speaks by study and experience.

The business of Mr. Pye, however, is the growing of flowers, their arrangement and appropriate uses, rather than instruction in floriculture. He came to Nyack and secured a small place in the town at the beginning of the century. This has been enlarged and rebuilt during the intervening years. He is a specialist in the bulbous plants, French and Dutch, which he forces to bloom in the depths of winter. With the "Queen of Flowers"—roses—he has been particularly successful down the years. At all times he has endeavored to supply the blooms that are popular and practical and beautiful, especially choice varieties and the best in the long list of constant improvements that are being made. Mr. Pye is a member of the Florists Telegram Delivery Association, and a former member of the New York Florists Club.

At Canton, New York, Robert Chester Pye married Amy Bateman Hildreth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hildreth, of this city. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Pye taught in the schools of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Pye are the parents of two daughters: 1. Verna Elizabeth, born at Nyack, a graduate of Cornell University. She married Charles Maynard Emslie, and is the mother of three daughters: Elizabeth, Sylvia, and Muriel. The Emslie family resides in Barre, Vermont, where Mr. Emslie is the owner of a large florists' establishment. 2. Annette H., born in Nyack, a graduate of Cornell University. She married George Munson Schofield, an architect in Nyack, and they have two children: Robert Hayden and Nancy.

SAMUEL J. SLOAN, Jr.—Farming and dairying constitute the major activity of Samuel J. Sloan, Jr., who is his father's partner in the conduct of the Brookside Farm and Sloan's Dairy, in Newburgh.

Mr. Sloan was born in 1893 in Newburgh, New York, son of Samuel J. and Alice Sloan. His father has been a dairy farmer and agriculturist for many years.

Public schools of Newburgh provided the early formal education of Samuel J. Sloan, Jr., who completed his high school studies, then became associated in farming with his father. Since 1927 they have together operated the Brookside Farm and Sloan's Dairy. The dairy has a daily output of one thousand two hundred quarts of milk, and the Sloans cover an area within a ten-mile radius around Newburgh. They own about eighty milch cows.

In addition to his work in this connection, Samuel J. Sloan, Jr., is a member of the Lions Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. He is active in the affairs of the First Congregational Church.

Mr. Sloan married Elizabeth Greenhough.

IRVIN FENTON DILLON—For somewhat more than a decade, Irvin Fenton Dillon has been a member of the noteworthy coterie of lawyers of Nyack, New York. A native of Rockland County, so close a neighbor of New York City, he has chosen to identify his career with the locality of his birth, and is a notable contributor to its affairs.

He was born on Iona Island, Rockland County, New York, July 26, 1904, son of Fenton and Susan (Hagan) Dillon, his mother being a native of Brooklyn. His father came from his native Ireland to Brooklyn, New York, and was attached to the ordnance department of the United States Navy for many years prior to his death. Irvin Fenton Dillon was educated in the grammar and high schools, being graduated from the Haverstraw High School, in 1922. Matriculating at New York University, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1926. He went to Fordham University School of Law for his technical studies, which were completed in 1930. Two years later he was admitted to the bar and since that time has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Nyack, with marked success and an increasing reputation among colleagues and clients.

Mr. Dillon has been, since 1940, justice of the peace of the town of Clarkstown, and is a popular figure in the Rockland County Bar Association. Like many another prominent citizen of his town and county, he is a member of the old West Nyack Fire Company, and was president of the Rockland County Firemen's Association. His religious affiliations are with St. Anne's Catholic Church, and to religious and charitable projects he lends hearty support. Gardening is a favorite recreation of this busy man, and he is notably successful in this hobby.

On February 7, 1935, Irvin Fenton Dillon married Ruth Schuster, a native of Nyack, daughter of C. Henry and Maude (Post) Schuster. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon are the parents of two sons: 1. Robert Irvin, born at Nyack, in November, 1936. 2. Dennis Irvin, born in Nyack, in August, 1941. Mrs. Dillon takes an active interest in civic affairs, and was president of the Parent-Teachers Association, of West Nyack.

BENJAMIN LEVISON—After many years of service to bench and bar, Benjamin Levison, of Nyack, is now partially retired from his active endeavors.

Judge Levison was born July 19, 1872, in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York, son of Aaron and Caroline (Goldsmith) Levison and member of an old and honored family. His grandfather, Marcus Levison, was the first member of the family concerning whom

records have been found. He was born in Gross Hertz-hochthum, Hessen, Germany, where he lived and died. He was a merchant, and was of the Hebrew faith. He and his wife, Sarah, became the parents of the following children: 1. Rica, wife of Bernard Baruch. 2. Emma, wife of Joseph Baruch. 3. Aaron, of further mention, 4. Isaac.

Aaron Levison, the third of those four children, also the father of Benjamin Levison, was born in Gross Hertz-hochthum, Hessen, Germany, and came to America before the Civil War. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1863 and served until the close of hostilities. He became a cigar manufacturer. In politics he was a Republican and in religious faith a member of the Hebrew Church. He married, January 16, 1870, in New York City, Caroline Goldsmith, born in Gross Hertz-hochthum, Hessen, Germany. Their children were Solomon, Benjamin and Bertha.

Benjamin Levison attended public schools in New Rochelle and Nyack, having come with his family to Rockland County while still very young. He determined to study law, and became a clerk in the law office of A. A. Demarest, in Nyack, and was admitted to the New York bar as an attorney on September 14, 1893, at the general term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. At once he took up the active practice of his profession in Nyack, where, though in semi-retirement, he continues his deep interest in the law and handles the work of some clients with whom he has had relationships for a long period of years.

In political views he is a staunch Democrat. He took office as justice of the peace of the town of Orangetown, January 1, 1904, and so served until January 1, 1910. He took office as police magistrate of the village of Nyack on January 1, 1906, to serve until December 31, 1911, and continued as such January 1, 1912, being reelected. Judge Levison is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 27 of the Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City, and is affiliated with Consistory No. 32 of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (New York) and Mecca Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (also of New York). He belongs to the Rockland County Bar Association, and is a member of the Nyack Hebrew Congregation.

ROY WANAMAKER—The career of Chief of Police Roy Wanamaker, of Upper Nyack, Rockland County, is marked by several unusual achievements and records. He started his business activities at a very early age and it seems to have been his trait to join organizations in youth and to continue these connections throughout the passing years. Before he became of age he was a volunteer fireman and has to his honorable account thirty-five years of being attached to the Nyack Fire Department, of which he has been battalion chief of the department since April, 1943. In June, 1919, he was

appointed chief of police by the trustees of the village of Upper Nyack, and has been retained in this important post, ever since.

Roy Wanamaker is a native of Upper Nyack, the son of Frank and Jane (Polhemus) Wanamaker, his mother being born in Brooklyn, New York. A painter by trade, the father, born at Nyack, was a respected citizen of the Nyacks, who set a pattern and established a tradition for his son, by himself being a volunteer fireman, a former deputy chief of the Nyack Fire Department.

After and while attending the Upper Nyack public schools, Roy Wanamaker became an apprentice to the painter and paperhanger trade as a lad of fifteen years, spending four years under John N. Wesel. Here he laid the foundations of the knowledge and experience that have since proved of such value in his business activities. During most of 1918-19, he worked in the International Shipyards at Upper Nyack. This was followed by a seven-year association with Dr. P. A. Bernard, of Nyack. In 1926, he set up his own establishment as painter and decorator, under the trade name, "Roy Wanamaker," the headquarters of which are at No. 18 Castle Heights Avenue, Upper Nyack, New York. He has prospered, and in so doing has also contributed to the wealth and improvements of other people and places.

As has been indicated, Roy Wanamaker has carried the name and tradition of his father to greater heights by thirty-five years connection with the Nyack Fire Department, as member and official. In still another field, the enforcement of the law, he has given a quarter of a century of effective service of the municipality of Upper Nyack, as its chief of police. Incidentally, as illustrating his progressive spirit and ideas, he was the first in the Nyacks to have and operate a police radio motor car. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and the Rockland County Police Benevolent Association. Baseball is probably his favorite sport and it can be written of him that civic activities are both a hobby and constant interest.

At Nyack, New York, Roy Wanamaker married Ida Garrabrant, a native of Nyack, daughter of Andrew and Carrie (Blauvelt) Garrabrant, one of the pioneer families of Rockland County. Her father was formerly an engineer on the Northern Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Wanamaker are the parents of the following children: 1. Roy, Jr., a member of the Palisades Interstate Police, stationed at Bear Mountain, New York. He enlisted for service in the United States Army for World War II, but received his honorable discharge for physical disabilities. 2. Harry, who married Ann Pepru, of San Antonio, Texas, and they have a son, Harry, Jr.; he enlisted in the 45th Division of Infantry, United States Army, serving under General George Patton; was wounded in Italy, and is now recuperating in the General Hospital, in Alabama. 3. Thelma, who married William T. Shaw, of Upper Nyack, and is the mother of a daughter, Barbara Ann. 4. Mabel.

5. Wilbur, a graduate of Nyack High School, where he excelled in athletics, especially football. He is now serving in the United States Army Air Corps, with the rank of cadet. 6. Homer, attending Upper Nyack schools.

WALTER N. LIEBERT—Chief of Police Walter N. Liebert, of Nanuet, Rockland County, New York, has followed the tradition and activities of his family in the enforcement of the law. Similarly he is an exemplar of civic service, a citizen who contributes to the movements undertaken for the better development of the community and the welfare of its residents.

He was born at Bardonia, New York, January 13, 1894, son of the late Robert Liebert, a native of New York City who came to Nanuet in 1887, where he became one of its most substantial citizens, a former justice of the peace, assessor, and a leader in public and social organizations and affairs. By trade he was a cabinetmaker. His wife, born in New City, was the former Lena Gerlach.

Walter N. Liebert was a student in the Chestnut Grove school at Mosestown, the Bardonia school, and the school at Spring Valley, Rockland County, being graduated from the latter institution with the class of 1911. From New York State he went west to Iowa where he was engaged in farming at the beginning of the First World War. Enlisting in the United States Army, in 1917, he saw extended service overseas with the Motor Transport in France. After his honorable discharge from the military forces of our country, he married and returned to agriculture in Iowa. In the spring of 1923, the family moved back to New York State and, during the following years to 1929, he was connected with the trucking business in Rockland County. In 1929 Mr. Liebert became constable of the town of Clarkstown. Subsequently he was appointed chief of police of this town, a post he has since filled to the general satisfaction of the citizens. In 1932 he was chairman of the legislative committee, Police Benevolent Association for Rockland County, which was influential in placing police activities under Civil Service regulation. Chief Liebert is a member of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police; during 1938-39 he was president of the Rockland County Policemen's Association, and he is affiliated with the American Legion. For recreation he enjoys hunting and fishing. He worships in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

On December 28, 1919, at Nyack, Rockland County, New York, Walter N. Liebert married Ruth Zwahlen, of Upper Nyack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zwahlen. Mr. and Mrs. Liebert are the parents of the following children: 1. Walter, born in Logan, Iowa, in November, 1920, a graduate of Spring Valley High School. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, for service in World War II, and now holds the rank of staff sergeant. 2. Donald, born at Nanuet, New

York, in October, 1929, attending Pearl River High School. 3. Ruth, and 4. Helen, both of whom are deceased.

MORRIS C. VAN HOUTEN—The Van Houten family is exceptionally well known in Rockland County where Morris C. Van Houten was born at Nyack, on May 8, 1894, son of Edwin C. and Orpha D. (Cumings) Van Houten and the grandson of George Van Houten, a miller by trade who lived long on the Van Houten homestead, was a prominent citizen and the founder of the Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church of Pearl River, Rockland County. Edwin C. Van Houten was a merchant in Nyack over a long period, and a well beloved figure in municipal affairs. Orpha D. (Cumings) Van Houten is hale and hearty at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

From 1915 to 1924, Morris Van Houten farmed the family homestead, on Blauvelt Road, Pearl River, an expert in a difficult vocation. Since 1924 he has been identified with the fertilizer department of Armour & Company, as district sales representative in New York State. What he learned at first hand and in the hard way about practical agriculture he has used to advantage in the selling and distribution of the fertilizing material that the farmer and horticulturist must use to secure the largest and best products from the soil. In this field Mr. Van Houten has a reputation that is far larger than local in character.

He was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, Overlook Academy, Nyack, and Alfred University, western New York State, where he was a member of the class of 1915. Always keenly interested in the cause of education, he is a trustee of the Nauraushaun School District No. 7, Orangetown, Rockland County. Fraternally he is affiliated with Nauraushaun Lodge, at Pearl River, Free and Accepted Masons, and attends the Presbyterian Church, of which his grandfather was a founder.

At Pearl River, May 8, 1920, Morris C. Van Houten married Eva F. Grabedunkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grabedunkel, and they are the parents of three children: 1. James Bradford, born in 1922, and is now serving in the United States Air Corps as a pilot; he married Katherine Theis, of Blauvelt, New York, and they have one son, James Blauvelt Van Houten. 2. Barbara, born March 22, 1923, at the Van Houten homestead; a graduate of Pearl River High School, now taking secretarial courses at Washington School. 3. Wallace Cropsey, born November 4, 1926; a graduate of Pearl River High School, class of 1944; now attending the United States Maritime Academy, at Fort Schuyler, New York.

FLOYD J. HAIRE—In the course of an active life, Floyd J. Haire, prominent business man of Nyack, acquired a world of experience before he returned to

Rockland County and engaged in a local enterprise. This was more than two decades ago, and he since has entered many features of civic and social life and won repute, both as a progressive citizen and commercial leader, and as a vigorous supporter of projects and organizations that promote the development of the community and the welfare of its people.

He was born at Sparkill, Rockland County, on June 16, 1887, son of George and Ida C. (Kunze) Haire, his mother now being hale and hearty at the age of eighty-four years. George Haire, also a native of Sparkill, New York, was for many years prior to his death, a detective with the Erie Railroad system, a man universally respected. His son, of this record, attended local schools and studied in the Nyack High School. He began making his livelihood very early in life, at the age of twelve being employed by the John Hill grocery store in Nyack. Then he was employed in the local postoffice, delivering special mail, working here until about 1904. In the meanwhile he was still attending to his education, but in 1904 went to New York City to become associated with the Goodrich Rubber Company. He remained with this well-known corporation until 1920, serving in almost every department from office boy to salesman.

By the latter-named year, Mr. Haire felt himself prepared by experience to engage in business for himself, and was ready to break his metropolitan connections. He therefore entered into a partnership with the late Raymond Blauvelt, to establish an automobile tire and equipment supplies firm in Nyack. Six years later, in February, 1926, Mr. Blauvelt died and Mr. Haire purchased Mr. Blauvelt's interest in the business and has since continued it as his personal enterprise. He is a director of the Nyack Savings & Loan Association and trustee of Oak Hill Cemetery, and also served twelve and one-half years as a member of the board of trustees for the village of Nyack. Fraternally Mr. Haire is a member of the Rockland Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He was formerly a member of the Nyack Rotary Club, and attends the Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he has been a vestryman for several years.

At Nyack, New York, in 1926, Floyd J. Haire married Ann Bonin, of Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada.

VICTORIA DIKE—A woman of striking versatility and notable achievements, Victoria Dike is a leader in groups whose interests are in things artistic, and she possesses a personality that has long been the delight of friends and companions. With equal facility she is the writer and lecturer on subjects that range from fairy tales to educational topics; is a composer of excellent music; and is constantly to the fore in humanitarian and charitable organizations. Her educational and artistic background is that of a student of Columbia University, New York City, and the Dresden Conservatory, Germany, having devoted herself to the intensive



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study of music and the arts. As a pupil of Lilli Lehmann Mrs. Dike has acquired proficient training in voice and appeared at Carnegie Chamber Music Hall in a concert of songs. She also studied violin under Joachim.

Victoria Dike is a director of the Conservatory of Music and Art, at Carnegie Hall, New York City, and has served on the board of the United Neighborhood Houses, the Manhattanville Nursery, Charity Organization Society, and the Conservation Society, in the metropolis. She is also the Rockland County chairman of the United China Relief, and has been an ardent worker on six war bond drives and chairman of each one of them. She is the founder of the National Nursery School Association in coöperation with Dr. Patty Smith Hill, all of which indicate the scope of her interests and activities. Mrs. Dike was awarded the medal for bravery from the British Government "For King and Empire Services Rendered." For recreation she enjoys swimming and fishing, and her hobbies include landscape gardening and horses. She maintains her home on the Dike Estate, West Nyack.

Mrs. Victoria Dike, born Victoria Alice Kattman, married Francis Harold Dike, and they are the parents of two children: Victoria Frances and Harold Alden. Mr. Dike, a Phi Beta Kappa, graduated from Columbia University, class of 1907, studied at the Sorbonne in Paris. For some years he was an instructor in French and also archæology, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He entered the real estate offices of O. D. & H. V. Dike, older brothers, in 1917, as a partner. O. D. Dike has since passed away.

Francis Harold Dike is a direct descendant in the ninth generation from Anthony Dike, "merchant and ship-builder, who landed in Plymouth, about July 10, 1623." Later he settled in Salem, Massachusetts, and lost his life in a shipwreck off Cape Cod, December 15, 1638, leaving a widow Tobitha. The line of descent is through their son, also Anthony; Nathaniel, Deacon James, Deacon Thomas, Captain Joseph, Albyn Valentine, Oscar Dermid to Francis Harold Dike. Nathaniel Dike was a veteran soldier of the French and Indian War. Deacon James Dike, Revolutionary War veteran, was a leading citizen of Thompson, Connecticut, and founder of its Baptist Society. Deacon Thomas Dike, also of Thompson, made a notable record as an officer in the American Revolution. Albyn Valentine Dike married Phœbe Anne Prince, a native of Providence, Rhode Island. Oscar Dermid Dike, born in Providence, Rhode Island, married Frances Henrietta Lowe, daughter of Bauman and Henrietta (Pirsson) Lowe of Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN BARTELS, Jr.—It is with a broad background of business experience that John Bartels, Jr., has come to his present position as village clerk of Nyack.

Mr. Bartels was born December 26, 1895, in New York

City, son of John and the late Charlotte (Frieze) Bartels. His father is retired from his active endeavors.

The Bartels family came to Nyack in 1909, and John Bartels, Jr., attended public schools here, being graduated from Nyack High School in 1913. He was variously engaged in the years immediately thereafter, then entered the army for service in the First World War. He served overseas for thirteen months with the 42d Division, and advanced from private to sergeant. After the close of this military service he entered upon a banking career with the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, now absorbed in the National City Bank system. For thirteen years he was in the fiduciary department of that banking house.

Meanwhile, he had become active in Nyack affairs, and in 1933 he became a financial investigator with the district attorney's office in Rockland County, so continuing until 1939. In that year he was appointed to his present post as village clerk of Nyack. In this post he has filled an important place in local life. A Republican in politics, he is prominent in Rockland County's partisan activities. He is a member of the Mazeppa Engine Company, of Nyack, and belongs, also, to the American Legion and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of St. Andrew's Guild. In spare time he enjoys sports and healthful outdoor recreations.

THE MISSIONARY TRAINING INSTITUTE

—The Missionary Training Institute, of Nyack, of which the Rev. Dr. Thomas Moseley is dean and president, has a long and interesting history of missionary service, both in Nyack and New York City. Among the numerous movements that originated in the closing quarter of the last century was that of evangelism. When Dr. A. B. Simpson gave up a settled pastorate to perform his evangelistic work in New York and in the heathen world, he considered education a large part of his task. The first converts who flocked around him, eager to do missionary work at home or abroad, formed the nucleus of the initial training class who met on the stage of a theatre in Twenty-third Street, New York, using rough improvised tables as their equipment. The school that there had its inception moved from place to place between 1882 and 1890, but on October 1, 1883, it was formally organized in a rented home on Eighth Avenue, New York, as the Missionary Training College for Home and Foreign Missionaries and Evangelists. From forty to fifty students were in attendance. Between 1890 and 1897 the institution was situated at No. 690 Eighth Avenue, where a substantial building was erected in connection with the Gospel Tabernacle. As the work developed and the city proved distracting from the point of view of student life, the college sought a rural home, choosing South Nyack. The corner stone of the main building was laid April 17, and the opening exercises were held in October, 1897.

The school's motto, "The Whole Bible to the Whole

World," implies in no uncertain terms its emphasis upon the Bible. Dr. Simpson's last hymn on the Nyack motto was sung at the Congress of Missionary Bands in February, 1919:

God has given us a great commission,
On our banners let it be unfurled,
This our holy trust and glorious message—
The whole Bible to the whole wide world.

God has given us a great salvation,
Saving us from sickness, sin, and hell;
Let us come to Him and take it freely,
Let us then as freely go and tell.

Christ is calling us with many voices,
For His speedy coming to prepare;
Shall He find us watching, robed, and ready,
At His call to meet Him in the air?

Blessed Master, we have heard Thy summons,
And Thy heart has heard our answering cry;
We are going forth to meet the Bridegroom,
For we know His coming draweth nigh.

Characteristic, too, of the school were the words of Dr. Simpson in his last address at Nyack:

Just as God called Elijah to stand for a living God, so God is calling His witnesses today to stand for a living God, a living Christ, and a supernatural faith. We stand for a supernatural Book, for a supernatural life, for a supernatural work, dependent entirely upon the Master and the power of the Spirit.

This makes necessary our Training School. It is not enough that we should grasp these mighty truths, we must commit them to those who will be able to teach others also, and provide, as the Master did, through His own disciples for the perpetuation of these principles, and for their propagation throughout the whole world.

The present school, situated on the beautiful hillside at South Nyack, twenty-eight miles above New York City and overlooking the Hudson, commands a sublime view across the four miles which is the river's width at this point. Beyond, in the hazy distance, lie the hills of Westchester and the color-clad slopes of Connecticut thirty miles away. Nearby are such historic and picturesque spots as Look Out Tower, Balance Rock, Buttermilk Falls, Hook Mountain, the Gateway and the Ramapo Valley. In Tarrytown and vicinity, across the Hudson, are the scenes of the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and Washington Irving's home, "Sunnyside," where he did much of his work and entertained many literary workers of his day. The Missionary Training Institute has sent forth into the world an ever-growing number of graduates, inflamed with zeal for their work, men and women who have blazed trails as missionary pioneers in Tibet, inner China, Central India, French Indo-China, French Guinea, Portugese Congo and inner South America. They have a strong base in Jerusalem for reaching the new Jewish state and Arabia. In many

foreign lands they are conducting training schools for native workers, modeled after the home school. Believing strongly in the missionary power of music, the school's leaders have given much attention to the creation of songs, bands and musical productions. Most of the students have very limited financial resources, and some have to earn all their expenses while at the school, where the cost of board and tuition is less than \$48 per month. The school operates without endowment, and so many of the most promising students suffer most privation and hardship.

The present president and dean of the school, the Rev. Thomas Moseley, was born March 18, 1886, in Birmingham, England, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (James) Moseley. He was graduated in 1915 from the Missionary Training Institute, and immediately went as a missionary to the Kansu-Tibetan border, where he carried on his work until 1940. He was graduated from Occidental College in 1929 as a Bachelor of Arts, from the University of Southern California in 1930 as a Master of Arts, and from Wheaton College in 1940 as a Doctor of Divinity. His president-deanship at the Missionary Training Institute, in Nyack, dates from 1940. He married Eva Marie Palmquist, daughter of the late Rev. Nils Palmquist, of Sweden. They became the parents of two children, both born in northwestern China: 1. Elizabeth Elise, born April 3, 1920. 2. Thomas Robert, born April 23, 1923.

Other administration officers of the Nyack institute are: E. R. Dunbar, vice-president and dean of men; A. J. Hansen, treasurer; Mildred L. Stanhope, dean of women; Harold W. Boon, registrar; Marion L. Bethge, secretary of the Correspondence School conducted in connection with the institute; Grace Stewart, housekeeper; Edith Alexander, bookkeeper; and Lorraine A. Laffitte, secretary to the president-dean.

NED A. BESSO—For years engaged in wrecking and salvage work, Ned A. Besso is active in the management of the Nyack Waste Paper & Salvage Company, of Nyack.

Mr. Besso was born August 8, 1904, in Union City, New Jersey, son of Quinto and Romilda (Caveggia) Besso. His father was for many years a hotel operator until his retirement.

Public schools of Union City provided Ned A. Besso's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies he became a student at the Carnegie Institute. From 1922 to 1925 he was active in the elevator supply business in Hoboken. In 1925 he came to Central Nyack, in Rockland County, to establish himself in an automobile wrecking business here. Subsequently he became engaged in a general salvaging business, which had its fruition in formation of the Nyack Waste Paper & Salvage Company, with which he still remains active.

This company performs at the time of writing a great deal of highly valuable work for the government in connection with prosecution of the Second World War. In addition to his activities with this firm, Mr. Besso is a member of the Lions Club of Nyack and the Knights of Columbus in Haverstraw. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. In leisure time he plays considerable golf and enjoys the out-of-doors.

On January 15, 1939, in Nyack, New York, Ned A. Besso married Hazel A. Hudson, daughter of John A. and Ada (Richardson) Hudson, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Besso became the parents of two children: 1. Barbara, born December 30, 1940, in Nyack. 2. Kathryn, born November 29, 1942, also in Nyack.

CHARLES HAERLE—With southern Rockland County towns, Charles Haerle has been identified since youth. He has been tax collector with offices at Nanuet since 1929, and his service in public office covers a period of nearly twenty years. Mr. Haerle is a native of New York City, born April 27, 1872, son of Judge George Haerle and his wife, the former Dora Leahy. The father, a machinist by trade, was a prominent figure in village affairs and a justice of the peace.

Charles Haerle attended local and Rockland County schools, including the Chestnut Grove School, and started out to learn blacksmithing at West Nyack, in the summer of 1888, under the instruction of his father-in-law, Louis Biltz. Upon the death of the older man in 1900, Charles Haerle took over the business which he continued until 1931. Down the years he accumulated an immense number of friends, and his integrity and character became favorably known over a wide area.

In 1924, Mr. Haerle was elected assessor, and filled this office most capably for about seven years. As already indicated, he has been tax collector since 1929. He likewise was connected with the school board of West Nyack for twenty years, and never has lost his zest for public affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 122, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he was one of the organizers of the West Nyack Fire Department, with which he was associated for a quarter of a century as member and chief. He long has been a member of the board of directors of the Nanuet Building & Loan Association.

At West Nyack, New York, on November 28, 1895, Charles Haerle married Carrie A. Biltz, daughter of Louis and Charlotte O. (Valentine) Biltz, and they are the parents of two children: Dorothy J., born March 5, 1900; Charlotte Elizabeth, born August 3, 1907.

JOHN V. LYNCH—In his public service as postmaster of Pearl River, Rockland County, for the past nine years, John V. Lynch has won public approval. Almost all of his years have been lived in this place where he is widely known and respected. He was born

in Pearl River, October 10, 1895, son of Michael and Anna (O'Brien) Lynch. Michael Lynch, now deceased, was a native of Ireland who came to the United States as a young man, in 1894, settling at Pearl River. Anna (O'Brien) Lynch is living.

John V. Lynch obtained his education in the public schools of his birthplace, and attended the old Kingsley School of Business, at Westwood, New Jersey. In 1913 he became associated with the Dexter Folder Company as office boy. He received promotions as they were earned and down the years was in charge of repair service departments, remaining there until 1931. During the following five years he was a shipping clerk in the Pearl River branch of the Comfort Coal & Lumber Company.

In 1936, John V. Lynch was appointed postmaster of Pearl River, which post he has since continued to fill to the full satisfaction of the community. Mr. Lynch is a member of the board of directors of the Pearl River Public Library. During World War I he served in the 7th Balloon Corps, 5th Army Corps, United States Army, going overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, and remaining abroad for about one year. He received his honorable discharge at Camp Lee, Virginia, in 1919. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and belongs to the Excelsior Engine Company, the Pearl River Rotary Club and the American Legion. He attends St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church. His favorite recreations are fishing and hunting.

On June 13, 1938, at Pearl River, New York, John V. Lynch married Emma A. Webber, a native of this city, daughter of J. Christian and Mary (Ehrhardt) Webber. Mrs. Lynch takes an active interest in civic affairs. She is a member of the local selective service board, and a member of the advisory board of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion.

WARREN C. WICKS—Widely known in Nyack business circles, Warren C. Wicks is noted as a sign painter and manufacturer.

He was born in New York City on August 18, 1907, son of Willard E. and Mary Emma (Beaver) Wicks. His father, born in New Haven, Connecticut, is a tool-maker by trade. Born in 1876, he is still active in the trade, making his home with his son. The mother died in 1939.

After the family removed to Nyack in 1913, Warren C. Wicks received his early formal education in the public schools here through the high school grades. Learning the sign painter's trade, he has continued to be so engaged on his own account in Nyack since 1929. Not only in the painting and manufacture of signs has he distinguished himself in this region, but he is active too, in a number of organizations, such as the Nyack Chamber of Commerce and others. In spare time Mr. Wicks enjoys numismatics as his favorite hobby, and he does a great deal of hunting and fishing and enjoys

outdoor life. Most of his present work in sign manufacturing is for Red Cross, honor rolls and other defense purposes. He makes signs for building fronts, window displays, banners, showcards, painting them on both canvas and other substances, and does gilding on glass, wood and metal. He also makes raised letter signs. He has his headquarters at No. 222 North Midland Avenue, Nyack.

On November 30, 1930, in Nyack, New York, Warren C. Wicks married Catie Reinhardt, a native of Denmark. They became the parents of two children: 1. June, born October 19, 1937, in Nyack. 2. Warren, Jr., born September 10, 1941, in Nyack.

HARRY SCHEK—As owner of the West Nyack Service Station, at the intersection of Routes 59 and 303, Harry Schek takes an important rôle in the affairs of Rockland County. Formerly he served as West Nyack's postmaster.

Mr. Schek was born November 8, 1900, in West Nyack, New York, son of the late Judge William and Sarah (Wilson) Schek. His father, a native of Bardonia, Rockland County, New York, was for sixteen years a justice of the peace, so serving in the town of Clarks-town until his passing. In that office he was succeeded by the late William Schek, Jr., one of his sons and a brother of Harry Schek. William Schek, Jr., was a West Nyack lawyer. The mother, Mrs. Sarah (Wilson) Schek, was born in New York City.

Harry Schek attended public schools in West Nyack, but was still very young when, in boyhood, he took employment as a wiper with the West Shore Railroad, with which he remained for three years. Afterward he was associated with his father, who was then engaged in the building and contracting business in West Nyack. Serving an apprenticeship to the mechanic's trade, he continued for three years at the Nyack Garage, subsequently establishing his own business in West Nyack and conducting it in a limited way in 1918 and afterward. From March 4, 1923, until June 1, 1935, he operated a general service station and garage, and in the later year he erected his present modern service station which he still operates.

He has rendered highly useful service to Rockland County, having been postmaster of West Nyack from 1914 to 1919 inclusive. He is a member of the West Nyack Volunteer Fire Department, and belongs to the Lions Club of South Orangetown. He enjoys outdoor life in the limited time that his busy schedule affords him, being particularly fond of baseball and harness racing.

In the town of Orangetown, August 15, 1928, Harry Schek married Robina Moore-Smith, daughter of the Rev. Thomas J. and Janet Moore-Smith. The father of Mrs. Schek was a Presbyterian minister. Mr. and Mrs. Schek became the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth, born in 1929 in West Nyack. 2. Sarah E., born here in 1931.

G. BURT JOHNSON—As treasurer of the Hutton-Johnson Co., Inc., of Nanuet, G. Burt Johnson is active in the business world in Rockland County. This company handles building materials, coal, hardware, paint, farm implements and fertilizers.

Mr. Johnson was born at Candor, New York. He has been associated with the Hutton-Johnson Company, since 1910. The company is an old one, founded in 1852 as a partnership under the name of Hutton Brothers. Passing through many changes in ownership and operation, it remained mainly within the Hutton family until Mr. Johnson joined the organization as a partner in 1910. In that year he and Louis H. Hutton and Sylvester Hutton joined together in a three-sided partnership, so continuing operations until 1923. In that year the enterprise was incorporated under the present style of the Hutton-Johnson Co., Inc., with Sylvester Hutton as president, Louis Hutton as vice-president, G. Burt Johnson as treasurer and Marshall A. Johnson as secretary. Louis Hutton died in 1926 and Sylvester Hutton passed away in 1935, but the firm still continues operations under the Hutton-Johnson name, and fills an important place in Nanuet's business life.

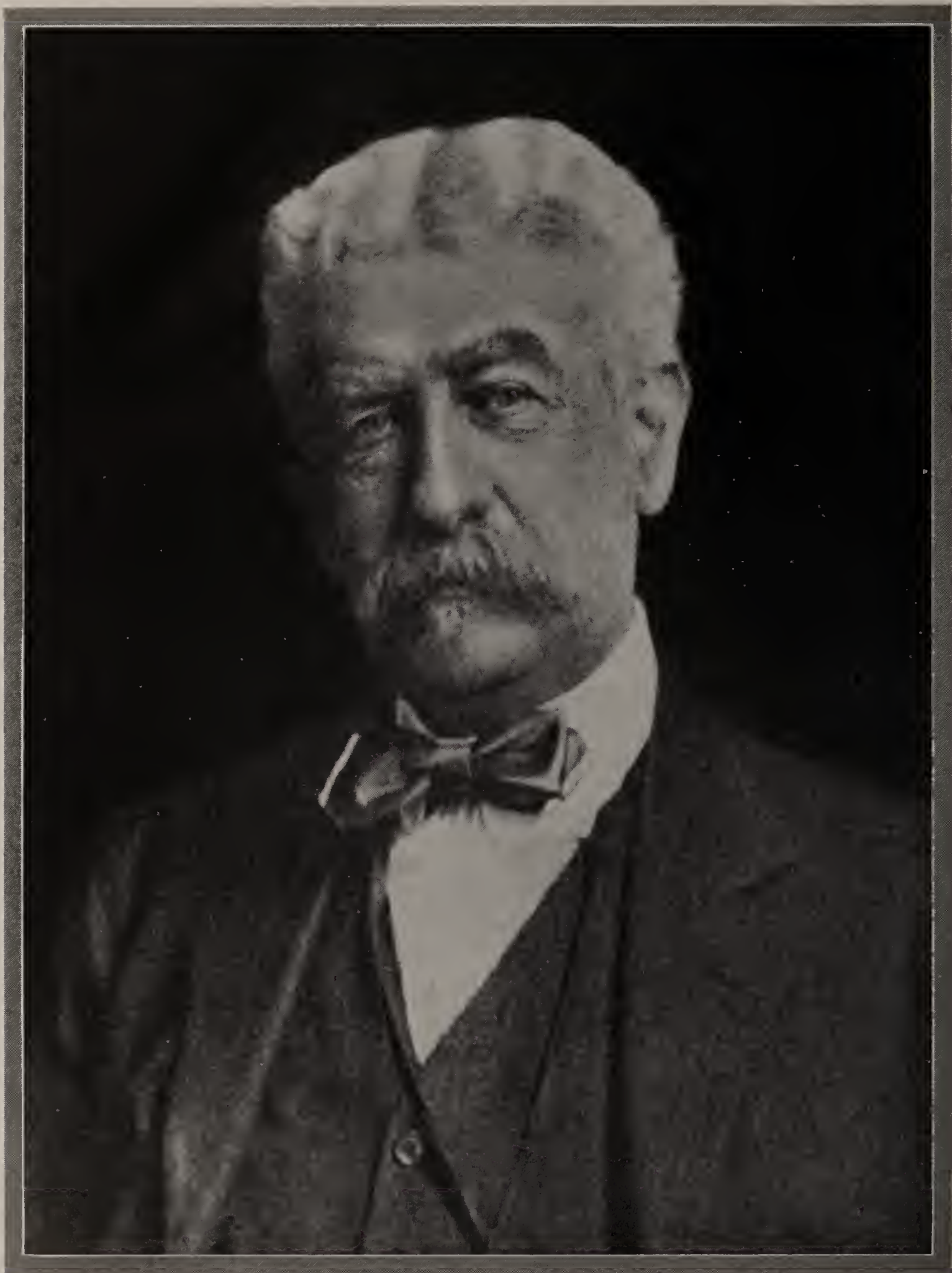
In addition to his other activities, Mr. Johnson has taken part in the financial life of his community and district. He was one of the organizers and original members of the Nanuet Savings & Loan Association, of which he has been treasurer from its inception in 1923. He also was one of the organizers of the Nanuet National Bank, and has been one of its directors since 1929. Since 1916 Mr. Johnson has also been a director of the Nyack Savings & Loan Association.

He is married and has two children.

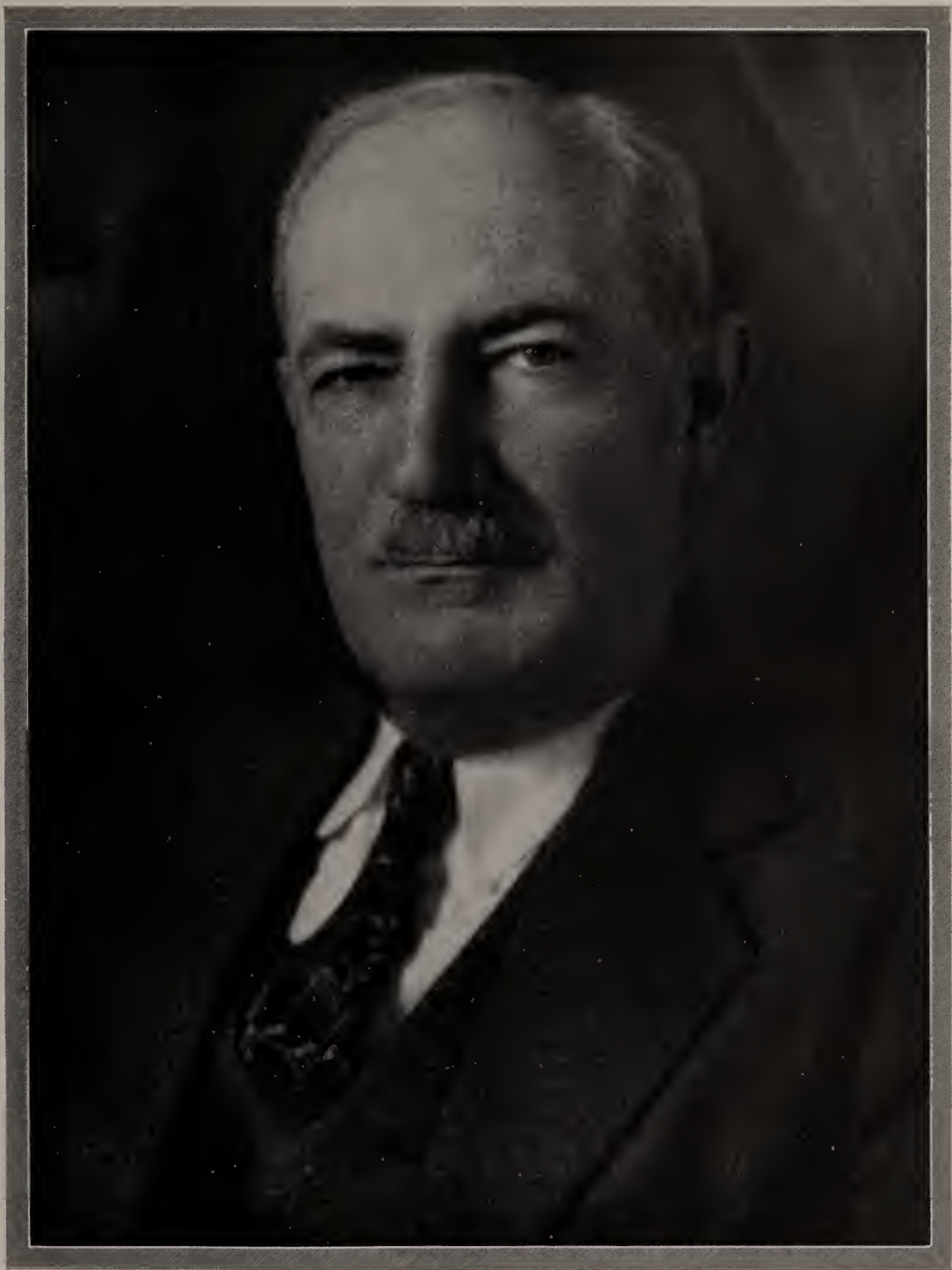
WALTER C. PARSHALL—As commercial manager of the Rockland Light & Power Company, Walter C. Parshall occupies a position of high standing in the life of Piermont.

Mr. Parshall was born July 19, 1895, in Port Jervis, Orange County, New York, son of William A. and Christine (Senger) Parshall. His father, a native of Port Jervis, was graduated from Yale University in 1888 and later was graduated from the Albany Law School. Formerly he served for more than forty years as corporation counsel of the city of Port Jervis. He died in 1937. The mother, Mrs. Christine (Senger) Parshall, also a native of Port Jervis, was graduated from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, in 1889.

Public schools of Port Jervis provided Walter C. Parshall's early formal education, and he was graduated from Port Jervis High School in 1913. He also studied for a time at the Irving School, in Tarrytown, and after graduation there, in 1914, he matriculated at Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he took special courses in 1914 and 1915. He also was a student for a time at the Graduate School of Business Administration of Harvard University. He



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has retained always his deep interest in education and educational problems, and is at the time of writing a member of the board of trustees of the Nyack Vocational School. His activities have been many-sided and useful. From 1915 to 1922 he conducted a chicken farm at Cuddebackville, in Orange County. He entered the Rockland Light & Power Company organization in 1922 as a teller, and subsequently became office manager. In 1933 he was made commercial manager of the company, and he still continues to serve in this capacity.

He lives on the old Haring homestead property in Piermont, and is active in civic affairs in this region of Rockland County. He is treasurer of Nyack Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a Past Master of the Port Jervis Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Orange and Rockland County Masonic organization. He was prominent in athletics during his school and university days, and was the outstanding intercollegiate football referee and official in this area, although he is now retired from these endeavors. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Middletown, New York, September 12, 1925, Walter C. Parshall married Dorothy Ackerman, formerly secretary to Zane Grey, widely known author. Mrs. Parshall is a graduate of Middletown High School.

CHARLES EBERLING—For years active in business life, Charles Eberling is engaged in the automobile accessories business and operates a gas station in Nanuet.

Mr. Eberling was born September 9, 1898, in New City, Rockland County, New York, son of Charles and Margaret (Durschang) Eberling. His father, born also in New City, was a general storekeeper and shoe manufacturer, son of Henry Eberling, who came to this country from Germany in 1849 and took up his residence in New City, where he had extensive land holdings and was engaged in farming. Charles Eberling, father of the present tire and accessories dealer, was born May 27, 1868, and studied in public schools in New City, his birthplace, then worked in the shoe factory of his brother, Joseph Eberling. At Joseph Eberling's death, in 1892, he joined with his two remaining brothers, Henry and George Eberling, in purchasing the factory. Charles and George Eberling then bought the third brother's interest in 1899. After George Eberling was struck by lightning, July 18, 1901, Charles Eberling conducted the business independently. He married, April 13, 1890, Margaret Durschang, of New City. They became the parents of two children: 1. May, born January 26, 1891. 2. Charles, of further mention.

Charles Eberling attended public schools in New City, his Rockland County birthplace, and at the age of sixteen years began working in a general store here. He was employed in his father's establishment for a number of years, and later was associated with the Spring Valley Laundry for seven years, serving as a route man. It was

in 1928 that he entered the tire and accessories business and started his own gas station in Nanuet, so continuing down to the time of writing. In addition to his other undertakings, he is a director of the Nanuet Building & Loan Association.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Eberling has served as Rockland County's sheriff. Since 1931 he has been a councilman of the town of Clarkstown. He has affiliations with many civic, social and fraternal organizations, including the New City Lions Club and Naurashank Lodge, No. 937, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Pearl River. He belongs also to Haverstraw Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He likes to fish in spare time.

At Oneonta, New York, in 1922, Charles Eberling married Marion Melius, daughter of George and Ida (Breever) Melius. She is a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and formerly was a teacher by profession. Mr. and Mrs. Eberling became the parents of a daughter, Mary Eberling, who was born October 8, 1935, in Nanuet, New York.

HENRY VALENTINE BORST, D. D. S.—Carrying on a practice of dentistry in Pearl River, Dr. Henry Valentine Borst is one of the leading professional men of Rockland County.

Dr. Borst was born August 18, 1897, in New York City, son of Dr. Henry and Helen (Gentzlinger) Borst. His mother resides in Pearl River. The father was for a half century a practitioner of dentistry in New York City, but lived in Pearl River from 1911 onward until his death, January 25, 1943.

Dr. Henry Valentine Borst attended public schools in New York City, and was graduated from De Witt Clinton High School in 1917. He became a student at the New York College of Dentistry, and was graduated in 1921 as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He then started his practice in Pearl River, where he has lived since his parents took up their home here in 1911. He continues this professional work down to the time of writing, and is active in many aspects of dental affairs through the different organizations of the profession. He is a member of the New York State Dental Society and other groups, and is also prominent in Pearl River affairs as a charter member and director of the State Bank of New York, in this community.

During the First World War he was a college student, and at that time the entire student body was inducted into the United States Army, continuing in the service until honorably discharged at the war's end.

In 1922, in Pearl River, New York, Dr. Henry Valentine Borst married Mabel Landgren, a native of Pearl River, daughter of Frank and Anna (Frankle) Landgren.

FREDERICK W. SEWARD, Jr., M. D.—In the field of medicine, Dr. Frederick W. Seward, Jr., of Goshen, Orange County, has made a career of psychiatry,

and is the owner and director of "Interpines," a private hospital for the treatment of mental disorders, achieving a reputation of national note. He likewise is well known as an anthropologist, especially interested in the primitive races of America. A native of Orange County, who has spent most of his life in the county seat, he has been and continues to be, active in civic and organizational affairs, an important contributor to the wealth and welfare of the community.

Dr. Seward, Jr., was born at Middletown, Orange County, November 6, 1874, son of Dr. Frederick W. Seward, Sr., and his wife, the former Matie Cory. His father was a prominent physician. Frederick W. Seward, Jr., attended the schools of Orange County, and then pursued courses in a New York City business college. Entering the New York Homœopathic Medical College, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1898, and did much graduate work in psychiatrics.

About a year after he had been graduated Dr. Seward, Jr., became associated with his father in operating the Interpines Sanitarium, at Goshen, a connection that continued for many years. This hospital for the mentally disordered was founded by the elder man in 1890, and of it he remained head until his death in 1925. Since that year, the son of this record has been the sole owner and the director of its services. Interpines Sanitarium has a patient capacity of sixty, and is recognized throughout the United States as one of the foremost in its field. Its location in a beautiful park of some twenty acres, makes for privacy, beauty, recreation, and the health of the patients.

Dr. Seward, Jr., is a member of the Orange County Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Institute of Homœopathy. He has held various offices in these organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He has been the author of numerous articles delivered before professional groups and published in the medical journals and other scientific publications. As already stated, Dr. Seward is a student of the primitive races of America, and is active in the American Anthropological Association. His collection of Indian relics is exceptionally fine. Dr. Seward, Jr., is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, is a former president of the Rotary Club in Goshen, and by right of notable ancestry a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

At Oneida, New York, Frederick W. Seward, Jr., M. D., married (first), in 1902, Leona Tueax, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Frederick T., M. D., now serving with the United States Army Medical Corps with the rank of major; he is a graduate of Hahnemann College and Hospital, of Philadelphia, class of 1930, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; he married Elizabeth Downing, and they have two sons: Frederick D. and John T. 2. Alice, who married Albert Brady. Dr. Seward,

Jr., married (second), in 1933, Mary E. Pike of Sanborn, New York. At the Seward home "La Colina," located near Goshen, Dr. and Mrs. Seward are actively engaged in breeding and raising Great Pyreneese and St. Bernard dogs, some of which have become mascots in various units of our armed forces now engaged in World War II. Also others are performing active duty with the army. Dr. Seward does considerable court work, testifying as an expert in criminal cases.

JOHN G. SPISSINGER—Chief of police, village of Haverstraw, Rockland County, John G. Spissinger is a native of this place, as were his parents before him. He was educated in local schools, and as a young man joined the police force. He rapidly progressed from one rank to another until he received his present appointment, which was richly deserved and received general approval by the public.

Chief Spissinger was born on October 29, 1901, in Haverstraw, a son of the late John and Jennie (McCory) Spissinger, both also born in this city and both now deceased. There are two other surviving sons: Christopher and William, who are also citizens of the municipality. The elder John Spissinger was for many years before his death an employee of the West Shore Railroad system. His son of this record attended St. Peter's Parochial School, the Haverstraw High School, and then was an engineer in the city from 1918 to 1924. In the latter year he became a member of the Haverstraw police force; was made a lieutenant two years later and in 1927 was elected head of the department, becoming at that time the youngest chief of police in the State of New York. For the past seventeen years he has continued to enforce the law in Haverstraw and to render the best of service to the public. Chief Spissinger is a member and former president of the Rockland County Police Benevolent Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church at St. Peter's. His favorite recreations are golf, fishing and hunting.

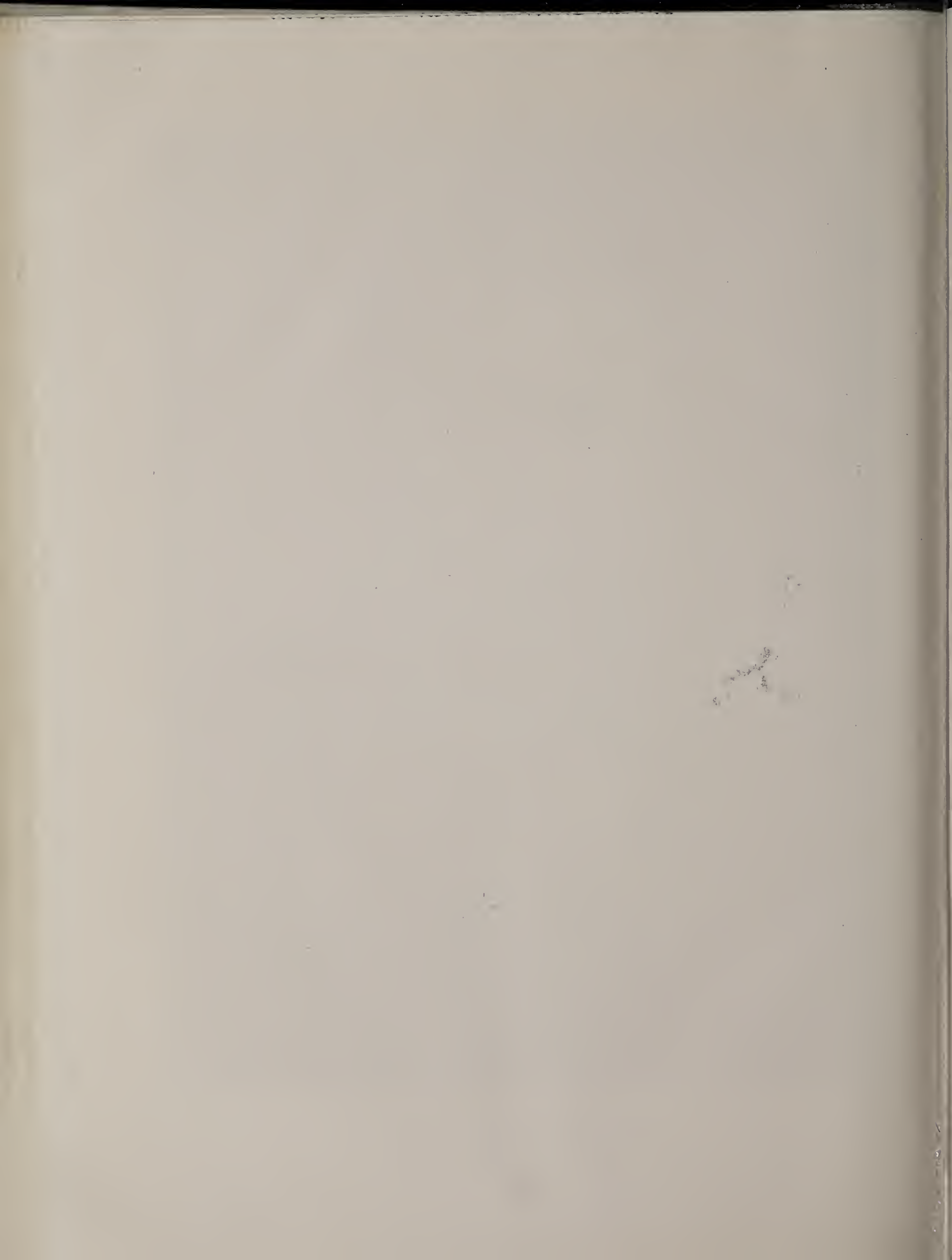
John G. Spissinger married Marguerite Nixon, daughter of William and Anna (Hoffman) Nixon, the ceremony taking place on May 14, 1938. Mrs. Spissinger is a skilled business woman, a buyer for H. L. Greene & Co., Inc., of New York City.

JAMES J. FREEMAN—A man and citizen wholly of the present century by birth and activities, James J. Freeman began his career in the insurance business in Haverstraw, New York, as a boy. Before he arrived at his majority he had proved his ability in this field in which he has been not only eminently successful but has won recognition as an authority and leader.

He was born at Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, June 19, 1904, one of the eleven children of Thomas J. and Alice M. (Farrell) Freeman, ten of whom are



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still living. A brother, William J. Freeman, is (1943) a trustee and acting mayor of the village of Haverstraw. Thomas J. Freeman was a leading citizen of Haverstraw; for seventeen years he was director of the Provident Building & Loan Association of Haverstraw; and fraternally was prominently affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. For six years he was mayor of Haverstraw, New York. In early days he was a boatman, the owner of several vessels, and captain on a Hudson River craft carrying brick to New York City.

James J. Freeman received his education in the parochial schools and Haverstraw High School. At the age of fifteen years he started his business career as a clerk in the office of The Maryland Insurance Company. Two years later he became associated with his father's agency in Haverstraw, which had been established by the older man in 1913. Upon the death of his father in 1929, he became head of the business in which he is associated with his mother, Alice M. Freeman, and his sister, Betty R. Freeman. For the past sixteen years he has been a director of the Provident Building & Loan Association of Haverstraw; also is a director of the Peoples Bank of Haverstraw, and secretary of Local Draft Board No. 763, of Haverstraw since October, 1940. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of Lady Warren Hose Company of Haverstraw. He attends St. Peter's Church.

On June 11, 1938, at Haverstraw, James J. Freeman married Mary R. Dowd, of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dowd. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman are the parents of two sons: 1. James, Jr., born at Haverstraw, June 20, 1939. 2. Brian, born September 15, 1941.

EDMUND HAIGHT LAWLER—Operating the Spring Valley Laundry Service, Inc., Edmund H. Lawler is one of the community's leading business men and public-spirited citizens. His contribution to the life of this region of New York State has been many-sided and highly constructive.

Mr. Lawler was born June 9, 1897, in Spring Valley, New York, son of Samuel E. and Cora Clark (Haight) Lawler and member of an old family on both sides of his house. The Hights were pioneer settlers in New City and Spring Valley, and in later years established the Haight Hotel, Haight's Bakery (now the Widman Bakery) and other Spring Valley institutions. The father, Samuel E. Lawler, was born at 80 Ludlow Street, New York City. He passed away in January, 1945. The mother, Mrs. Cora Clark (Haight) Lawler, was born in New City, Rockland County, and died in 1935.

As a boy Edmund Haight Lawler attended public schools in Spring Valley, and was graduated from high school here in 1913. He sold papers during his school years, going from house to house in carrying out these responsibilities, and was employed for a time by Theodore B. Bohr, a local merchant. He was with the New York

County National Bank, at Fourteenth Street and Eighth Avenue, New York, as a clerk, and then was on the check desk of the National Bank of Commerce, and with the Travelers' Insurance Company, of New York, as a clerk. In 1917 and 1918 Mr. Lawler was in the construction division of the quartermaster corps, stationed at Charleston, South Carolina, for service in the First World War.

After the close of hostilities, he returned to Spring Valley, where he was associated with the Rockland Laundry Company for three or four years. About 1924 he established the Spring Valley Laundry Service, Inc., which he still owns and heads. In addition to his work in the operation of this business, he is a director of the Co-operative Home Building & Loan Association, of Spring Valley.

Active also in civic and community affairs here, he is a Democrat in politics, and was formerly a party leader in the Spring Valley area. At one time he was a delegate to a national Democratic convention. In 1934 Mr. Lawler was appointed postmaster of Spring Valley, and he still so continues. He is a director of the Spring Valley Lions Club, of which he was president in the year of 1940-41. He is a past exalted ruler of Haverstraw Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a past vice-president of the New York State Elks' Association and a past district deputy of the New York State Elks. Gardening and farming are his favorite recreations, and he is fond of the out-of-doors.

Edmund Haight Lawler married, August 11, 1915, in Paterson, New Jersey, Kathryn Steel, of Spring Valley, New York, daughter of Matthew and Rose (Spangler) Steel. Mr. and Mrs. Lawler became the parents of two children: 1. Dorothy Steel, born in Spring Valley, graduated from high school here and from Rider College, in Trenton; she was married to Joseph F. Shelly, of Trenton, who is now serving in the United States Coast Guard in the Second World War. 2. Jean Kathryn, born in Spring Valley, graduated from grammar and high schools here and from Rider College; wife of Eugene C. Vidal, of Spring Valley, a lieutenant in the navy at the time of writing, serving in the Second World War.

ARTHUR I. NEUBERG, M. D.—From European countries the United States has received many notable additions to its professions and other groups, such men as Arthur I. Neuberg, M. D., obstetrician and general practitioner of Spring Valley, Rockland County, New York. He was born in Prussia, Germany, August 24, 1886, son of Herman and Hannah (Goodman) Neuberg.

Dr. Neuberg received his entire education abroad. After attending the grade and high schools of his birthplace, he matriculated at the University of Berlin, at Munich, from which he received, in 1912, the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served an internship in the Municipal Hospital, Liegnitz, Germany, and engaged in the practice of his profession in Germany, before coming to America and

settling in Spring Valley. Dr. Neuberger, although a general practitioner of medicine, specializes in obstetrics, and serves on the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital, at Suffern.

In 1926, Arthur I. Neuberger, M. D., married Dr. Babette Neuberger, M. D., and they are the parents of one daughter, Hannelore, born in Germany, now attending Spring Valley High School.

ROBERT A. FEENEY—Something of the romantic and historical elements of Hudson River transportation seems to take a hold that is never quite broken upon the lives and hearts of those who have lived along its shores. Ocean steamships can not proceed up its waters to Albany, but it was only yesteryear that long tows of canal boats and barges were the sights that impressed youngsters, and many oldsters. Robert A. Feeney is the present superintendent of public works of the official village of Haverstraw, Rockland County, and has done most excellent service in this capacity for a number of years. It is probable, however, that he never can forget that at the age of nineteen he was the youngest captain of a brick barge in the Hudson River Valley, and spent a dozen years in command of boats that carried immense quantities of brick to the American metropolis.

Mr. Feeney was born at Grassy Point, Rockland County, New York, July 26, 1897, and was educated in the public and parochial schools of Stony Point, the same county. At the age of sixteen years he began making his own living, for two years being connected with Bannon & Sutherland, shipbuilders of Grassy Point. He did general carpenter or shipbuilding work, and knew from the bottom to the deck what made a strong and serviceable barge. At the age of nineteen years he was offered and gladly accepted the difficult post of captain of a brick barge, to remain in command as long as he could hold his own with older and rougher men, who were too much interested in getting their load of products to New York City to care much what happened to some young fellow suddenly thrust into their business.

Captain Feeney did exceedingly well during the twelve years that he worked on the river. Although he started as the youngest captain in the craft, he quickly proved he could handle his barge, secure a fair place in the tows, and take care of himself with anybody who wanted to dispute his rights in any controversy. Somehow rivermen, and seamen for that matter, always talk and plan for lives ashore, although seldom is anything done about it. Robert A. Feeney was one of the exceptions, and in 1932 he accepted appointment as a member of the Haverstraw Police Department, under Supervisor Victor A. Shankey. In 1936 he became superintendent of public works, his present official position, and to which he has since devoted his best endeavors as a conscientious public servant. There are few civic, charitable and humanitarian interests in Haverstraw to which he fails to lend useful

and important contributions. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of the famous old Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, of the place. He is a devoted Catholic, member of the parish of St. Peter's. He likes nothing better than attending baseball and football games, which is as it should be, seeing that he has always been a man among men, and has two sons who are noteworthy athletes.

In 1921, at Haverstraw, New York, Robert A. Feeney married Elizabeth Heffern, born here, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Seagriff) Heffern, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Feeney are the parents of two sons: 1. Robert A., Jr., born in Haverstraw in 1923; educated in St. Peter's School, and Haverstraw High School, from which latter school he was graduated, and where he was captain of its football team. He is now serving in the signal corps of the United States Army. 2. John J., a graduate of St. Peter's School and Haverstraw High School, class of 1943, served as president of his class and was graduated with honors. He is now serving as signalman in the United States Navy.

WILLIAM MARTIN MALLOY—Orange County has been the place of residence and the scene of the business and professional activities of William Martin Malloy, since 1917. In this important section of New York State he has found ample opportunity for the use of his abilities and technical experience. He likewise has entered constructively into civic affairs, more particularly of Stony Point, where he has operated a large drug store for more than two decades.

Mr. Malloy was born at Newburgh, Orange County, New York, son of Matthew and Ella (Martin) Malloy. His mother, who is living at the fine age of eighty-four years, was born at Washingtonville, Orange County. The father, Matthew Malloy, was a native of Ireland, who was brought to Chester, Orange County, New York, as a child. He obtained his education here and early began making his own livelihood with the characteristic optimistic and hard-working outlook of his countrymen. Over a period of half a century he was baggage master and trainman with the Erie Railroad System, known and respected by thousands of the traveling public.

After attending the public and parochial schools of Newburgh, William Martin Malloy became associated with the Theo Merritt Sons, dealers in wholesale and retail drugs, at Newburgh, as office boy and general clerk, connected with the plant laboratory. After learning the business in all its ramifications he received his pharmacist's license. He was employed as a druggist at Central Valley and Poughkeepsie, New York, prior to coming to Stony Point, Rockland County, this State, in 1917 as a druggist for Dr. Sengstacken. In 1922 Mr. Malloy purchased this business, which he continues to operate.

Civic-minded and ready to coöperate in all worthy local affairs, Mr. Malloy was town clerk from 1923 to 1929, inclusive, for Stony Point. He is a member of Stony Point School Board and member of the Volunteer Fire Company for a number of years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, Stony Point. He played baseball as a young man and now enjoys fishing and bowling as recreations.

At Central Valley, New York, in 1917, William Martin Malloy married Marie A. Bucking, daughter of Fred and Johanna (Hirtt) Bucking, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Malloy are the parents of a son, William Martin, Jr., born at Stony Point, in December, 1919. He obtained his education in the grade and high schools of Stony Point; attended Albright College for three years, and is a graduate of Columbia College of Pharmacy. Prior to entering the United States Army he was associated in business with his father. Entering the army as a private he now holds the rank of sergeant, and is stationed at a hospital in Westchester. William Martin Malloy, Jr., married Virginia M. Fessler, of Reading, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Albright College.

DAVID ITKIN, Sr.—The president of David Itkin & Co., Inc., manufacturers of leather and sportswear, David Itkin, Sr., is highly regarded in Haverstraw, Rockland County, for bringing to this city an industry that has grown to large proportions within a very few years. He already had a wide reputation in New York City, Poughkeepsie, and the wide areas his plants served, as the result of his activities in the manufacture of clothing of varied kinds. From early years he has made his own way in life, and to his own endeavors he owes his personal achievements.

Mr. Itkin was born in Russia on October 23, 1885, and came to New York City at the age of seventeen. His formal education was secured in the schools of his native land, and both there and in America he studied designing and styling of clothing, mainly in night schools. In the meantime he was acquiring a wealth of practical experience that was of immense value in after years. His first employment of note in the American metropolis was with Rosenwasser Brothers, of New York City, makers of leggings and gaiters. After some eighteen months here, he spent about ten years with a number of clothing manufacturers, and became a specialist in designing and styling of men's and boys' attire.

In 1914, David Itkin, Sr., established a plant in New York City for the production of leather clothing. The company had its good and bad periods during World War I and the decade that followed. In 1928, seeking larger quarters and a broader source from which to draw workers, David Itkin & Co., Inc., removed its plant to Poughkeepsie, New York. Here activities

were carried on until 1935, when operations ceased. In 1941 the company reopened in Haverstraw, Rockland County, to engage in the manufacture of leather and wool clothing. From its original force of about twenty people, it now employs over a hundred and its output is limited only by the inability to secure the basic materials it uses, and the existing labor shortages. The personal interests of Mr. Itkin, Sr., still remain chiefly in New York City, where fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 204, Free and Accepted Masons.

In New York City, on September 15, 1905, David Itkin, Sr., married Rose Mernowitz, her parents of Russian origin and both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Itkin are the parents of a son, Alexander Itkin, born in Brooklyn, December 25, 1910. He married Ruth Goldberg of Brooklyn, and they have a daughter, Amy Margaret Itkin, born in Brooklyn, April 15, 1943. Alexander Itkin is a member of the Masonic Order, and also affiliated with Lodge No. 204. Prior to his enlistment in the United States Army, he was associated with his father in David Itkin & Co., Inc. He is now stationed in Churchill, Province of Manitoba, Canada. A nephew of Mr. Itkin, Sr., who is a member of the firm, is serving with an armored unit of the United States Army, for the duration of World War II.

BESSIE REUBEN PLITT—Such is her standing in the Spring Valley community of Rockland County, and the popular admiration in which she is held, that Mrs. Bessie Reuben Plitt is universally known as "Bess" Plitt. She is a widely known real estate broker and dealer in antiques, who is a worthy example of women in business, possessed of all the qualifications required to take her place among men on a plane of equality. Her story is one of self reliance, industry and enterprise that is typical of America at its best.

"Bess" Plitt was born Bessie Reuben, in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, New York, on May 18, 1892, the daughter of Maurice and Anna (Zimmerman) Reuben. She married Dr. Moses Plitt, a New York dentist, who retired in 1929 from his practice in the metropolis, and the family came to dwell in Spring Valley, Rockland County. Dr. Plitt is a graduate from the College of Oral and Dental Surgery, of New York City, now connected with Columbia University, and practiced his profession over a long period at No. 32 Union Square, New York City.

The children of Dr. and Mrs. Plitt are: 1. George, a graduate of Spring Valley High School and Delhi Agricultural School, who now conducts a scientific poultry farm and is a recognized authority and consultant on the poultry industry. 2. Jerome Edward, a graduate of New Paltz Normal School, now connected with Lederle Laboratories, in Pearl River.

HARRY L. STANLEY—For many years active in the business life of Orange County, Harry L. Stanley is engaged in the automobile business in Warwick, where he is the only independent distributor of oils and gasoline.

Mr. Stanley was born July 23, 1887, son of Howard J. and May (Kinney) Stanley. His father, born in Glensford, Georgia, was for years active in railway affairs. The mother was born in Andover, New Jersey.

Public schools provided Harry L. Stanley's early formal education, and he early turned his attention to the railway industry. He was employed along these lines when he was only fifteen years of age, and at eighteen he was running a locomotive. After leaving the railroad, he turned his attention to the automotive industry in Warwick. In this Orange County community he carries forward his business under his own name down to the time of writing, being widely known as an independent distributor of oils and gasoline.

In addition to his work in operating the Independent Oil Company, of which he is the sole owner, Mr. Stanley takes a leading rôle in the life of his community. He is connected with practically every movement that he considers forward-looking and worth while in Goshen and Warwick, and seeks constantly to further civic progress. For many years Mr. Stanley served as a justice of the peace, then supervisor of the town of Warwick and then he became treasurer of Orange County, succeeding William McGiffert. During the World War period of 1917-1918 he served in all Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns. He is a charter member of the Warwick Rotary Club and a past president of the organization. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a Past Master of his lodge and a Past District Deputy, as well as an initiate in Mecca Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past noble grand of his lodge in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1906 Harry L. Stanley married Ida R. Derby, of Chester, New York.

CAPTAIN BERNARD GIBBONS—In New City, Rockland County, Captain Bernard Gibbons is one of the leading citizens, with a military and public service record that has brought honors to himself and to this community, of which he is a native son. Born shortly before the Spanish-American War, he was one of the young men who suffered greatly from service in World War I with the United States Armed Forces in France. He has been an outstanding figure in veterans' organizations down the years, and is doing well his part in the successful prosecution of the present global war. Members of his family have been citizens of Rockland County for about a hundred and fifty years.

His grandfather, William Gibbons, migrated from England not so long after the United States became a Nation, and settled in New City. His son, Charles, was born in

New York City, and married Mary Stanley, a native of Haverstraw, New York. The elder man was a captain during the War Between the States, who returned to Rockland County, and now lies buried in Haverstraw. His son, Captain Bernard Gibbons, of this biography, was born in New City, Rockland County, on February 27, 1893 and started his education in the schools of his birthplace. After being graduated from the Elizabeth (New Jersey) High School, he was variously engaged until some time after the end of World War I, when he entered the University of Wisconsin, from which he received a degree in Mechanical Engineering, with the class of 1929. A great deal had happened in his life between high school and university. As a youth he became a member of the New York State National Guard, attached to the 69th Regiment. He went with his unit to the Mexican Border, and when the National Guard was inducted into the United States Army, he enlisted and was assigned to the 165th Infantry, 42d Division. In 1917 he was appointed an instructor for the Army at Camp Upton, New York. On January 2, 1918, he received his commission as a lieutenant and went overseas just one month later. In the Meuse-Argonne Offensive of October, 1918, he was gassed and wounded and lost his left leg as a result of his service at the front. Lieutenant Bernard Gibbons has received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre, the Congressional Medal, and the "Medal for Conspicuous Service," one of the very few awarded by the State of New York. Of course he wears the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, and has another medal from France which is the equivalent of the American Congressional Medal.

Upon being honorably discharged from the United States Army, Captain Gibbons had several problems to solve in regard to his place in civilian life. Whatever his handicap he was not discouraged and it is typical of his courage and character that he later passed the stiff examinations required for rating as a navigator and pilot with the Merchant Marine. It is from this that he derives his title and rank—captain. During the years 1924 and 1925, he was Rockland Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. From 1925 to 1940, he was Rockland County Service Officer. Since 1928, Captain Gibbons has been a forest ranger with the New York State Department of Conservation. In January, 1944, he was appointed chief probation officer of Rockland County. At one time or another he has been a school trustee of New City, and identified with other civic groups.

Well prior to World War II, Captain Gibbons advocated a peace time draft in preparation for future hostilities, initiating a program that was submitted to President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman. Many of his ideas were enacted into the law of the country and State. From 1939 down to the present, he has served as an investigator for the local selective board of the district which



Major Andrew Shiley

includes the towns of Haverstraw, Clarkstown and Stony Point, of which he had been a member from the day it was formed. Besides his connection with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Captain Gibbons is a member of the American Legion Post, No. 199, of Spring Valley, the American Riflemen, a national organization; the Purple Heart, Officers' Reserve, 306th Infantry Regiment of New York, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He worships in the faith of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and treasures the fact that he was christened by the famous Father Duffy, who was curate at Haverstraw at the time. One of the hobbies of Captain Gibbons is the collection of war relics, and already he has won first prize for the finest personal collection of war relics and antiques in the State of New York.

WENDELL EDGAR PHILLIPS—For years active in business affairs in Port Jervis, Wendell Edgar Phillips is a partner in the wholesale distributing house of Almarin Phillips & Son.

Mr. Phillips was born July 5, 1892, in Port Jervis, New York, son of Almarin and Anna (Bennet) Phillips. Public and high schools furnished Wendell Edgar Phillips' early formal education, and after completing his studies at Port Jervis High School he entered Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he received his Mechanical Engineering degree. He was afterward, for a time, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Rutgers University, in New Brunswick, then served as foreign secretary of the "Y" at Chihuahua and Monterrey, Mexico. After that valuable experience with the Young Men's Christian Association in this country and beyond its borders, Wendell E. Phillips associated himself with his father's firm, Almarin Phillips & Son, wholesale distributors, in which he is now a partner.

In addition to his connection with the Phillips firm, Mr. Phillips is also deeply interested in general business affairs in his community and is associated with the Port Jervis Real Estate & Loan Association, as a director. He has taken the deepest interest in civic affairs in Port Jervis, having served for eight years as mayor of the city and for two terms as president of the New York State Conference of Mayors. He is a past president of the Port Jervis Rotary Club, a past president of the Dutch Arms Club and a member of the Cornell Club of New York City and of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Orange County. During the First World War, Mr. Phillips was a first lieutenant in the coast artillery. Then, in the Second World War, he was called into service in July, 1942, stationed with the coast artillery in Boston, Massachusetts. In January, 1943, Mr. Phillips was ordered to the School of Military Government at the University of Virginia, from which he was sent overseas in May, 1943. At the time of writing he is with the allied control commission in Italy, with the commission of major.

Major Phillips' interest in military affairs has been continuous. He is a past president of the Reserve Officers' Association of New York State and past commander of James E. Bilz Post of the American Legion. He is a director of the Route Six Association and a member of the Orange County Society. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge and the Knights Templar Commandery, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and other branches. He also belongs to the Theta Chi fraternity. He is a member, too, of the Dutch Reformed Church, of Deerpark.

In Rockford, Illinois, July 28, 1917, Wendell Edgar Phillips married Hazel Elizabeth Billett, daughter of Lewis N. and Minnie (Burmeister) Billett. They became the parents of three children: 1. Wendell Edgar, Jr., born September 27, 1920; with the Federal Telephone & Radio Corporation in Newark, New Jersey. 2. Hazel Elizabeth, born April 12, 1922, wife of T. Kenneth Nolan. 3. Almarin Phillips, 2d, born March 13, 1925; now private first class, United States Army, wounded in Germany. The Phillipses live at No. 125 East Main Street, Port Jervis, New York. Mrs. Phillips is chairman of the Port Jervis Chapter of the American Red Cross.

WILLIAM A. UHL—A native of Haverstraw and a lifelong resident of Rockland County, William A. Uhl is an exemplar of the modern way of life in the manner in which he rose to importance as business man and civic leader. Like many successful men he reached heights by indirect routes, gaining experience along the way in several occupations. The most of these, however, were along the line of road transportation and directly contributory to his eventual activities in the field of automobiles and their servicing.

Mr. Uhl, as indicated, was born in Haverstraw, Rockland County, September 30, 1903, son of William H. and Ann (Donnelly) Uhl, both natives of this city. The mother is living, and the father, who is deceased, was a well-known riverman on the Hudson. For thirty-five years he was captain of brick barges, numerous in his time, and which carried brick to the metropolis.

William A. Uhl attended the parochial schools of his city and left the Haverstraw High School to start earning a living, or at least a part of it. He was successively an errand boy for Baum Brothers of Haverstraw; soda clerk in Miller's Drug Store, also in Haverstraw; associated with W. H. Meyer, grocer, in several capacities, and was only eighteen years of age when he began the retail delivery of milk in the Spring Valley and Suffern section of Rockland County. At twenty he drove a truck for the Excelsior Brick Company, Haverstraw, and then entered Taylor's Garage, this city, as bookkeeper and assistant accountant. He next worked in similar capacities for the Careful Service Garage.

Even with all that had gone before, Mr. Uhl was a very young man when in 1926 he established his own enter-

prises in Haverstraw. In 1926 he opened a gas station in the city; subsequently he built another station at West Haverstraw, and then came a station on the east side of West Haverstraw. He added to this developing business in 1941, by the purchase of the old Fowler Brick property and erected a bulk distributing plant for wholesaling gasoline, lubricants and fuel oils.

Aside from business, Mr. Uhl has devoted a fair part of his time and energies to public affairs. He is a former president of the Haverstraw Rotary Club and coöperates with movements and organizations that work for the progress of the municipality. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a past grand knight of the Haverstraw Lodge, No. 581, of the Knights of Columbus. He worships in the faith of the Catholic Church, at St. Peter's, Haverstraw.

In May, 1934, at Haverstraw, William A. Uhl married Lucy Anderson, daughter of John and Mary Ann Anderson, of this city, who died August 1, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Uhl were the parents of two daughters, both born in Haverstraw: Mary, born February 9, 1935; Ann, born March 28, 1938.

FRANK S. BARNES—As president of the plumbing firm, The Tuxedo Home Service Corp., Frank S. Barnes occupies a prominent place in the business life of Tuxedo.

Mr. Barnes was born February 13, 1875, in Paterson, New Jersey. He was only six years of age when his parents died, and he was then placed in an orphanage along with a brother and an older sister. Subsequently he was taken out for adoption by a Protestant Episcopal minister; but when that arrangement did not work out satisfactorily, he returned to the orphanage at the age of ten years and remained there for a few weeks until different arrangements could be made. He was then taken in by an aunt who lived in Paterson, New Jersey. Next door to his aunt's house there was a plumbing shop, in which he spent considerable time as a boy, learning the details of the operations involved in plumbing work. From an apprenticeship to the plumbing trade he advanced in 1897 to the rank of master plumber. In 1899 he became associated with William Vail & Sons, of University Place, New York, who had a branch shop in Tuxedo.

At the death of William Vail, Mr. Barnes continued with William Vail Sons, as the firm then came to be known. When the sons died, the firm became known as MacLachlin & Oram. Its new proprietors were former employees of the company. After Mr. MacLachlin's death, Mr. Barnes was admitted as a partner in the enterprise, which at that time came to be known as Oram & Barnes. For twelve years Mr. Barnes was vice-president of the firm, and at Mr. Oram's retirement from his active business endeavors, in 1939, the firm was reincorporated, with Mr. Barnes as president, and the name changed to The Tuxedo Home Service Corporation. He still con-

tinues in this capacity, and his attainments in this connection are the more remarkable in view of the fact that he has reached this position through his own unaided efforts. He attended only night school to gain the education of his youth, and with this background of study he has made his way forward to positions of ever newer attainment through his close attention to duty and his ever-broadening contacts and human relationships.

A trustee of the village of Suffern since 1934, Mr. Barnes has been elected for every successive two-year term since that time. He is serving as Suffern's acting mayor at the time of writing. He is an exempt member of the Suffern Volunteer Fire Department, was a charter member and first foreman of the Hook and Ladder Company in 1904. He is active, too, in church work, as a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart, of Suffern. For several terms he held the office of president of the Rockland County Master Plumbers Association. He belongs to Joyce Kilmer Council of the Knights of Columbus, in Suffern, and is a member of the Suffern Rotary Club.

Frank S. Barnes married, February 12, 1899, in Paterson, New Jersey, Mary Winifred Monahan, who died in 1927. They became the parents of the following children: i. Gertrude, born November 11, 1899, in Suffern, now Mrs. Gertrude (Barnes) Callaghan, mother of three children: i. Francis Callaghan, serving at the time of writing in the navy during the Second World War, having entered the service at the age of eighteen years. ii. Peter Callaghan, born in 1930. iii. Mary Winifred, born in 1937. 2. Helen, born March 4, 1909, in Suffern, now Mrs. Helen (Barnes) Collishaw, mother of two children: i. Anne Marie Collishaw, born in 1936. ii. Sally Jane Collishaw, born in 1942.

JACOB PESNER—Carrying on an extensive practice of law in Spring Valley, Jacob Pesner is associated with some of the leading organizations of his profession and his community.

Mr. Pesner was born February 25, 1910, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Abraham and Mary (Salkin) Pesner. His father was a fur merchant in New York City from an early period in his career, and continues this work down to the time of writing, residing in Nanuet.

Jacob Pesner attended public schools in Nanuet, where the family took up their residence in 1914. Graduated from Spring Valley High School in 1928, he then became a student at New York University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1932. In 1935 he was graduated from the New York Law School as a Doctor of Jurisprudence. Admitted to the bar of New York State in that year, he conducted his own private practice of law in Spring Valley until 1937. Then, until 1942, he was associated with the Spring Valley law firm of Finkelstein and Finkelstein. He then returned to private independent practice, and has so continued, cen-



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tering his activities in Spring Valley, down to the time of writing.

At the same time Mr. Pesner has interested himself in public affairs in Spring Valley and Rockland County. He is a special deputy sheriff of Rockland County, and attorney for the Spring Valley Credit Union. In 1943-44, he served on the Spring Valley School Board. He served in 1941 and 1942 as chairman of the Fact Finding Committee of the village of Spring Valley. He is president of the Spring Valley High School Alumni Association, a member of the Rockland Hook and Ladder Company, attorney for the Spring Valley Fire Department, and an associate member of the advisory board of the local selective service organization, Draft Board No. 762, town of Ramapo. Mr. Pesner belongs to the Rockland County Bar Association, is a past chancellor of his lodge in the Knights of Pythias, and was district deputy for the 17th Pythian District 1944-45. He is attorney for the village of Spring Valley. In spare time he is fond of healthful outdoor sports.

Jacob Pesner married, in September, 1932, in Brooklyn, New York, Sophie Luksin, daughter of the late Mayer and Rose Luksin, of Brooklyn, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Myrna, born January 4, 1937. 2. David, born February 21, 1943.

THOMAS A. FEENEY—To nearly everyone familiar with the boating annals of the Hudson River, the mention of the name of Thomas A. Feeney is sufficient introduction as one of the oldest, in point of activities, among the builders of river craft. He is a native of Kingston, educated in this city, and throughout all his working life has been identified with the construction of towboats, barges and other craft that have plied the Hudson for two hundred years. The rivermen speak of him and his yards as located in the Rondout, the "creek" section of Kingston and tell tall tales of his tugs and other boats, particularly of the time when Rondout was one of the active centers of river shipping, where tows were made up for the slow trip to New York City.

Thomas A. Feeney was born in Kingston, February 10, 1872, son of Brian and Bridget (Knox) Feeney, both natives of County Sligo, Ireland. Brian Feeney came to the New World while young and over a long period operated a canal boat on the Delaware & Hudson Canal, owning his own team and craft. His son, with whom this record is primarily concerned, was sent to parochial schools in Kingston before he left to become connected with river traffic. Almost from the first he entered the boat building industry in Rondout (Kingston) and for eighteen years he was an employee of Senator Rice. He worked for seven years for Captain Rowley, but in 1917 went into boat building for himself. In that year a corporation was founded, by Philip Wood, William Rafferty and Thomas A. Feeney, to construct all kinds

of river craft. After about ten years, the Wood interest was purchased by the other partners of the firm, and then Mr. Rafferty died, so that the concern was carried on by Mr. Feeney and Mrs. Rafferty. In 1932 the Reliance Marine Construction Company was organized with Mr. Feeney as president, and in 1939 the Feeney Marine Corporation was formed by Philip Barnard and Thomas Feeney. The former-named died and combinations were effected in a corporation which now operates some twenty-seven tugs and numerous barges and the like in Hudson River transportation, to Albany and New York City, the main offices and shipyards remaining at Kingston. Mr. Feeney has been active, without being conspicuous, in community life. He is a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and religiously is affiliated with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Thomas A. Feeney married Rose Wood, of New York State, and they are the parents of six children: Philip, deceased; Bernard A., Margaret, Marian, Rose and Thomas Feeney.

BERNARD A. FEENEY—As treasurer of the Feeney Marine Corporation of Kingston, Ulster County, Bernard A. Feeney carries forward boat-building enterprises with which his father has long been identified. Even farther back in the golden days of towboats and towing on the Hudson River and the canals entering it, his grandfather Brian Feeney owned and operated a canal boat and team on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, making his home port at Rondout (Kingston).

Bernard A. Feeney was born in Kingston, Ulster County, New York, April 15, 1902, one of the six children of Thomas A. and Rose (Wood) Feeney, both of whom were natives of New York State. He likewise is the grandson of Brian and Bridget (Knox) Feeney, both of whom came from County Sligo, Ireland. Thomas A. Feeney (a biography of whom appears in this volume), was born in Kingston, February 10, 1872, and entered the boat building business as a youth, in the days when Rondout was one of the most active ports along the Hudson River. He has never lost contact with this industry.

Bernard A. Feeney was educated in Kingston, and early became associated with his father in the shipyard. In 1917, the older man had gone into the boat building business for himself, a corporation being founded by Philip Wood, William Rafferty and Thomas A. Feeney. The years brought changes in partnership, and in 1932 the Reliance Marine Construction Company was incorporated by Thomas A. Feeney. In 1939, the brothers, Philip, Thomas and Bernard Feeney, organized the Feeney Marine Corporation, and a combination of interests was effected that has eventuated in an organization that operated, in 1943, twenty-seven tugs and a large number of barges and other river craft that ply the Hudson between Kingston and Albany and New York City.

Bernard A. Feeney, to a large extent, is general manager of the three above named concerns, the G. F. & R. Corporation, the Reliance Marine Construction Company, and the Feeney Marine Corporation. While their activities and interests are similar, they remain separate corporations, and figure prominently in the shipyard construction and towing interests in Rondout Creek and the Hudson River sections. Mr. Feeney is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, in which he has attained the fourth degree and is a Past Grand Knight. He is a member of the Kingston Kiwanis Club, and of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In 1928, Bernard A. Feeney married Mary K. Abernathy, of New York State, and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter.

CARL C. MARCUM—Born in Huntington, West Virginia, October 18, 1903, Carl C. Marcum is the son of Frank and Nona Anna (Grothe) Marcum. His father, also a native of West Virginia, an accountant by profession, was also a coal mine operator in that State, and the former postmaster of Ceredo, West Virginia. After the passing of the older man, Mrs. Marcum acted as postmaster of that place, and is now retired to Hickory, North Carolina.

Carl C. Marcum received his education in the grade schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from Huntington High School in 1921, after which he entered the Colorado School of Mines, from which he was graduated with the class of 1925. His first position was with the Huntington Drug Company, wholesale druggists, where he was employed in their plant. For two years he represented the Air Reduction Company of New York City, his territory comprising Southern Ohio, Eastern Kentucky, and Southern West Virginia. In 1928 he came to New York City and was associated with George A. Fuller, being assistant superintendent at the time he resigned in 1931. In that year he moved to New City, Rockland County, and engaged in the real estate and insurance business with the Gillies Agency, at Haverstraw.

In October, 1937, Carl C. Marcum located in Suffern, Rockland County, where he established his own real estate and insurance business. Mr. Marcum is a member of the New York State Society of Real Estate Appraisers, member of the board of directors of the Real Estate Association of the State of New York, member National Association of Real Estate Boards, New Jersey Real Estate Commission, New York State Association of Local Agents, and in 1941, 1942 and 1943, was president of the Rockland County Real Estate Board.

On October 18, 1934, at Spring Valley, New York, Carl C. Marcum married Carolyn-Louise Bauer, a native of New York City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bauer of Spring Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Marcum were the parents of two children: 1. John Henry, born at Nyack, November 30, 1937, died June 20, 1942. 2. Louise Marie, born at Nyack, August 18, 1943.

EDWIN C. HARRING—For many years Edwin C. Harring, of West Nyack, has performed valuable services in business and public life. He now operates a dairy products business here under his own name, and since 1937 he has served as deputy sheriff of Rockland County.

Mr. Harring was born August 8, 1897, at West Nyack, Rockland County, New York, son of Isaac and Mary Ella (Blaauvelt) Harring. His family were pioneers in the West Nyack area many years ago, Isaac Harring having come to Rockland County in young manhood. He was a native of Chestnut Ridge, New Jersey. A painter by training and trade, he conducted a paint store on South Broadway, Nyack. He died at the age of fifty-five years. The Blaauvelts, Edwin C. Harring's mother's family, were early settlers in this region. Charles C. Blaauvelt, the maternal grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker in West Nyack, and was also deeply interested in the affairs of the Dutch Reformed Church here, in which he was an elder. The old Blaauvelt homestead property consisted of fifty acres, on which stood the beautiful old residence of the family.

Edwin C. Harring was thirteen years of age when his father died. His mother afterward became postmistress of West Nyack, so serving for twenty years. The boy attended public schools in West Nyack, and during his school days learned the meaning of hard work by taking and delivering orders for a local butcher after school hours and on Saturdays. For four months he was associated with Allan Leggett, proprietor of the Nyack Garage, as an apprentice mechanic. Next he was a helper for four years with the West Shore Railroad, earning \$27 per month for his labors. From there he went to Weehawken, New Jersey, as a railway helper. Then, enlisting in the navy for service in the First World War, he continued his duties in that connection until honorably discharged in December, 1918.

At the restoration of peace he returned to civilian life, this time obtaining employment with the Fibre-Conduit Company, in Orangeburg, as a mechanic's helper. For one and one-half years he remained there, then returned to the West Shore Railroad in the same capacity. Remaining with the railroad for three years, he left it and entered the employ of Robert Gair, box manufacturer, with whom he was engaged as a machine operator for two years. It was while he was there, about 1921, that Mr. Harring entered the political arena, being subsequently elected constable of the town of Clarkstown. Afterward he was reelected, and served a total of eight years, while carrying on his regular business activities. He worked, after leaving Robert Gair, with the West Nyack firm of Smith & Biltz, general storekeepers, until 1925. Shortly afterward, in February, 1926, he established himself in the milk and dairy business in West Nyack, where he still continues down to the time of writing. In 1937 he became a deputy sheriff of Rockland County, and is still so serving.

In addition to his business and other activities, men-

tioned above, Mr. Harring is past president of the South Orangetown Lions Club, and is a district deputy governor of the county of Rockland. He is a past president and present member of the West Nyack Fire Company. He belongs to the Dairymen's League Association of Poughkeepsie, and is affiliated also with Nyack Lodge, No. 723, of the Free and Accepted Masons and with the American Legion. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life and healthful sports. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In Central Nyack, September 19, 1926, Edwin C. Harring married Irene Heinig, born in the Dyckman Street area of New York City, daughter of John Heinig, of that metropolis. Mr. and Mrs. Harring became the parents of the following children: 1. Joan Elizabeth, born March 14, 1928, a student at Nyack High School at the time of writing. 2. Edith Mary, born in September, 1929, died in 1930. 3. Barbara, born May 9, 1932, in West Nyack, attending the Montill School, in this community. 4. Jane Ann, born in June, 1938, also attending the Montill School.

JOSEPH A. MARTIN—General manager of the Suffern Stone Company, Joseph A. Martin has been active in Rockland County industry for the past thirty years. During these years he has taken his place among the citizens of southeastern New York who are prominent in civic, fraternal and club life.

Born at Paterson, New Jersey, April 29, 1881, he is the son of Louis and Minnie (Romei) Martin, both of whom are deceased and rest buried in Summit, New Jersey. The father, born in Italy, of Scotch parentage, migrated to the United States as a young man and was connected with industrial enterprises the most of his life, engaging principally in work on bridges and heavy construction work. Joseph A. Martin completed his formal education in Paterson and Summit, New Jersey, schools, and as a lad of sixteen years entered the employ of the F. D. Hyde Construction Company of New York, working in Summit, New Jersey, in a line similar to that followed by his father, although mainly with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad System. After two years he joined the William Grace Construction Company, as foreman on the job of building the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad tunnel in Jersey City.

During the following decade, Mr. Martin worked briefly on Belle-Faire Estate at Port Jefferson, Long Island, and for the remainder of the period was general superintendent of the James J. Fusco Construction Company, building a sewerage and disposal plant under the direction of the engineering firm, Fuller & Fuller. Mr. Martin came to Sparkill, Rockland County, in about 1910 and built a macadam road from Orangeburg to Tappan. After finishing that contract he continued his association with road construction, notably in the village of Spring Valley, Rockland County. In 1912, he built the first con-

crete road in the State of New York out of Spring Valley.

The year 1913 marked the identification of Mr. Martin with the quarry or stone industry. For a year he had charge of the Belmont Gurney Stone Company, in North Bergen, New Jersey, and then became general manager of the Suffern Stone Company, successor to the Belmont Gurney Company. He is a widely recognized expert in his field, constantly consulted by engineers and by those engaged in construction work. Over a number of years Mr. Martin was a member of the A. B. C. Board, Rockland County, New York State. He is a former chairman of the Republican Town Committee, of Ramapo. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, at Suffern; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Suffern; Nyack Commandery, Knights Templar; Salaam Temple, of Newark, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Bergen County Shrine Club.

At Newark, New Jersey, on December 10, 1910, Joseph A. Martin married Edna May Von Geis, born in New York City, daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (Dill) Von Geis.

ANTHONY DELISIO—One of the outstanding younger business men of Haverstraw, Rockland County, Anthony Delisio has won his way to prominence and success wholly by his own efforts. Along the way he has never neglected his responsibilities as a citizen of a vigorous community, and more or less constantly has served in public offices.

He was born in Haverstraw, New York, September 17, 1901, son of Carmine and Philomene (Reise) Delisio. In the city public schools he acquired his academic education, being graduated from the Haverstraw High School, with the class of 1918. He rounded out his preparation for a career by postgraduate studies in the high school in commerce and business administration. During summer vacations he worked for the New York Central Railroad, and held various other jobs.

In 1919, Anthony Delisio became connected with the Stores Mutual Protective Association, of New York City, first as a clerk and stenographer, and before resigning as office manager, in 1935, he had gained a wide variety of experience. From 1935 to 1942, he was with Louis Adler in Haverstraw. From July, 1942, to the end of that year, he was secretary to Sheriff Charles Eberling. In March, 1943, Mr. Delisio established his own business in Haverstraw, an enterprise to which he devotes his best attention.

In Haverstraw affairs, since his return to that city for business purposes, Anthony Delisio has been frequently and steadily to the fore. Some of his activities are of long standing. He was, over the longest period on

record, captain of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, whose history is of long extent. Mr. Delisio is assistant chief and treasurer of the Haverstraw Fire Department; a former president of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and is a director of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. Fraternally his affiliations are with the Haverstraw Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 877, of which he is treasurer, and also the Haverstraw Knights of Columbus. He is of the Catholic faith.

Since 1937, he has been a member of the board of assessors of Haverstraw Village. In 1944, Mr. Delisio was named by the Democratic committee of Rockland County as candidate for member of the New York State Assembly, receiving the unanimous endorsement of the committee. In reply, Mr. Delisio wrote in part: "Never in my life have I been so honored. . . . I can find no words to express the thanks I have in my mind for their expression of confidence. . . . I regret to say that I must decline the designation of the committee, much as I hate to do so. . . . Business occupies all my time." In conclusion he pledged, "Naturally, you will find me backing the Democratic ticket with every resource at my command."

In June, 1922, at Haverstraw, Anthony Delisio married (first) Ellen Cook, who is deceased, daughter of the late William Cook, of Haverstraw. He married (second), Irene Babcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Babcock, deceased. Mr. Delisio is the father of three sons: 1. James C., born at Haverstraw, June 13, 1924, a graduate of St. Peter's Parochial School and Haverstraw High School. He is now serving with the United States Army Air Corps, in England for the duration of World War II. 2. Carmine W., born in Haverstraw, April 2, 1925, a graduate of St. Peter's Parochial School and Haverstraw High School, now also serving in the United States Army for the duration. 3. Louis, born April 22, 1930, a student at Haverstraw High School.

HERBERT F. HARMS, D. V. S.—Carrying on an extensive private practice of veterinary surgery in Pearl River, Dr. Herbert F. Harms occupies a position of leadership and high standing in his profession.

Dr. Harms was born September 29, 1885, in New York City, son of the late Richard F. and Elizabeth (Clausen) Harms. His father, who settled in New York City, came to Pearl River in 1904 after having been engaged for many years in the hotel business in New York.

Public schools in New York City provided Dr. Herbert F. Harms's early formal education, and he afterward studied at the Dwight School, in New York, and at New York University, where he received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery in 1908. In that year he came to Pearl River and associated himself with the Lederle Laboratories, while conducting at the same time his own growing private practice. He resigned from

the Lederle organization in 1915, after which he continued his own practice of veterinary surgery in Pearl River. Not only has his professional practice grown substantially with the passing of the years, but he has contributed in a dynamic way to the progress of veterinary surgery in his community, particularly by building, in 1915, the present fine Rockland Dog and Cat Hospital, in Pearl River. He has operated this hospital since that time, and has been able, through it, to render outstanding service to the canine and feline world in this Rockland County area.

In addition to his private practice, Dr. Harms has concerned himself with the general affairs of his profession, notably as a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the New York State Veterinary Medical Association and the New York City Veterinary Medical Association. He also is active in the Hudson Valley Veterinarians' Association. In addition to his professional activities, Dr. Harms became one of the founders of Naurashank Lodge, No. 939, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and was its first elected Master. Among his other activities, Dr. Harms became the first chief of the Pearl River Volunteer Fire Department. During the First World War he served in the National Guard of New York State. So, in many ways, Dr. Harms has effectively and usefully served the community where he lives and works, living well up to the traditions of an old and distinguished family, the first member of whom, in the Harms line, settled originally in the Holland District of Rockland County. When not busied with one or another of his many activities, Dr. Harms is fond, in spare time, of playing chess, which is his favorite hobby.

In Pearl River, New York, November 26, 1908, Dr. Herbert F. Harms married Anna Marie Pepper, daughter of George and Anna (Conrad) Pepper. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Dr. Herbert F., Jr., born in 1909, a veterinary doctor, practicing at Closter, New Jersey. He married Lillian Kramer and has one child, Ellen Christine. 2. Dr. George R., born in Pearl River in 1914, also a veterinary surgeon, practicing at Westwood. He married Edith Magrath.

RAYMOND D. GURNEE—Active in the direction of the Ethlas Press, of Nyack, Raymond D. Gurnee occupies a prominent position in the business life of this community.

Mr. Gurnee was born March 19, 1893, in Nyack, New York, and attended public schools here. He attended Nyack High School with the class of 1912, but left school before graduation. He had already had business experience from the age of twelve years, at which time he had begun working after school hours and in holiday periods, receiving fifty cents per week for his labors with the Harrison & Dalley Department Store, in Nyack. He spent two years with that organization, and was earning



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\$9 per week at the time of his resignation. Next he was with the Hudson Yacht & Boat Company, of Nyack, for a year, serving as storekeeper and bookkeeper. He then spent a year with the Manhattan Trap Rock Company, of Upper Nyack, and two years with the Frank A. Munsey Magazine Company, of New York City.

In December, 1912, he began work as a letter carrier in Nyack's post office, remaining there until December 17, 1917, when he took over the Garner Hardware Store, on Broadway, Nyack. Until June, 1920, he continued in this same work, then sold his holdings and accepted a place as bookkeeper with the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, of New York, which later became the Chase National Bank. Until February 1, 1922, Mr. Gurnee remained with that banking house. He then purchased an interest in the Ethlas Press, of Nyack, with which he continues to be associated down to the time of writing.

In the Nyack vicinity, too, Mr. Gurnee has formed many organizational connections. He has owned the G. & H. Grocery Company, of Nyack. As early as 1910 he was active in civic and social life here, having been elected in that year as secretary of his high school class, that of 1912. Thenceforth he did everything in his power to assist in those Nyack undertakings which interested him. He has served as a trustee and as mayor of South Nyack since 1931, having first been elected a trustee in 1930. He became mayor in December, 1935. In March, 1942, Mr. Gurnee was elected police judge of South Nyack. He serves as chairman of the Nyack War Bond Finance Committee during the current Second World War emergency, and is a member and secretary of Local Board No. 761 of the town of Orangetown, Selective Service.

When Company A, 6th Regiment, of the New York division, United Boys Brigade of America, was organized, August 11, 1909, Mr. Gurnee was made first lieutenant and on May 16, 1910, he was advanced to the rank of captain, which he held until the organization disbanded.

During the First World War he was a member of Company D of the New York State Guard, and he saw active service in the Machine Gun Company of the First Provisional Regiment of the Guard, being stationed at Little Britain, on the New York State Aqueduct. Fraternally Mr. Gurnee has for years held a prominent place in Nyack affairs. He is a member of Rockland Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also affiliated with Rockland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Rockland Commandery No. 75 of Knights Templar, and is Past Grand Representative of the State of Wisconsin. He is a past state counsellor of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, having held this office in 1926 and 1940. In 1940 he became chairman of the executive board of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics for a territory covering all the eastern states. He is also president of the board of trustees of the First

Baptist Church, of Nyack, of which he has been a member since 1905. Formerly Mr. Gurnee was captain of the Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, of the Nyack Fire Department, of which he is still an honorary member. He was formerly a director of the Nyack Rotary Club. Among his many other fraternal activities, he has served as sachem of Nyack Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men and as counsellor of the Hudson Valley Council No. 76 of the Daughters of America. His is the distinction of having been elected over one hundred times, at different gatherings, to local civic and fraternal offices. A Republican in politics, he is president of the Nyack Republican Club. He is also a director of the Nyack Chamber of Commerce.

Member of an old family, Mr. Gurnee is descended from the Gurnees who came to this country from France and settled in New Rochelle, Westchester County, in 1638. His father, David Gurnee, started a sash and cabinet making business in Nyack, at Bridge and Main streets, in 1860, and carried it on for many years. The mother, Mrs. Ellen (Palmer) Gurnee, was born in Nanuet, member of an old and distinguished family.

Raymond D. Gurnee married, in Nyack, New York, in 1914, Mabel C. Lawrence, a native of Nyack, daughter of George H. and Emma C. (Jones) Lawrence. Mrs. Gurnee is a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and has for years been active in the Daughters of America, serving as finance secretary of Hudson Valley Council No. 76 since its inception in 1917. She is also a past deputy and past district deputy of the Daughters of America, and has held the chairmanship of the New York State law committee of this organization. Mr. and Mrs. Gurnee became the parents of a daughter, Evelyn C. Gurnee, who studied in public schools of Nyack through the high school grades, and is now Mrs. Evelyn C. (Gurnee) Goetschius, of Suffern, mother of one son, William Goetschius.

GEORGE SUFFERN ALLISON—One of the widest and most favorably known of the business concerns in the Haverstraw, Rockland County area, is that of the Allison & Ver Valen Company, Inc., of which George Suffern Allison has been president and treasurer since 1909. The corporation has specialized in the sale and distribution of coal and all manner of fuel oils, and engages in the lumber trade and building supplies of all kinds.

The Allison name and family has long been established in southeastern New York, and are prominent in community life given to civic leadership. George S. Allison was born at Stony Point, Rockland County, on September 2, 1883, son of George Suffern and Sarah (Fowler) Allison. His father was for many years identified with brick manufacturing in Haverstraw. The son attended the schools of his birthplace, the Haverstraw High School, and Lawrenceville (New Jersey) Academy and

the Young Men's Christian Association Business College in New York City. From 1904 to 1909 he was employed by Post & McCord, steel erectors of New York City.

As already indicated, Mr. Allison has been president and treasurer of the Allison & Ver Valen Company, Inc., at Haverstraw, since 1909. In that year he became associated with H. C. Ver Valen, a connection that was broken only by the death of the latter-named in 1930. On March 23, 1909, they leased the I. M. Hedges property at the foot of Main Street, and this was the headquarters and plant of the company up to May 23, 1923. In 1923 they moved to new quarters at West Side Avenue and State Road, 9-W.

In the tradition of his forefathers, George S. Allison has devoted a great deal of his time and energies to constructive citizenship, and to the development of local enterprises. He is president of the Garnerville Holding Company, of that town, and is a director of the Provident Building & Loan Association of Haverstraw. He is a charter member of the Haverstraw Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Stony Point Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which his great-grandfather was a charter member. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Haverstraw, and attends the Presbyterian Church, in this city.

On October 25, 1914, George Suffern Allison married Dorcas Benjamin, daughter of William and Katherine (Lake) Benjamin, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. George Suffern Allison, IV, a graduate of grade and high schools of Haverstraw, and after entering Syracuse University, left in his second year to enter the service of his country, as radar specialist in the United States Army. He married Jacqueline Badger of Syracuse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Badger, on July 18, 1944. 2. Robert Benjamin, born in 1925, a graduate of Haverstraw grade and high schools, now an undergraduate at Lafayette University.

CHARLES D. ENGLE—For many years active in Haverstraw business and civic life, Charles D. Engle, former mayor of the community, owns and operates Engle's Sport Shop at the time of writing.

Mr. Engle was born January 2, 1891, in Haverstraw, New York, son of Andrew J. and Mary (Arnold) Engle, both of whom are now deceased. His father, long associated with the brick business and also with the river boat traffic, was a native of Rockland County, as was also the mother.

Haverstraw public schools provided Charles D. Engle's early formal education. Graduated from Haverstraw High School, he took a special business course afterward at the high school, then entered the postal service on July 9, 1906, at the age of fifteen years. Remaining in the Haverstraw Post Office until July 9, 1917, Mr. Engle then joined the 7th Regiment, New York National Guard, which became the 107th Regiment of the United

States Army in August of that year, following the federalizing of the Guard, and was made a part of the historic 27th Division. With that unit Mr. Engle served overseas for eleven months. Entering as a private, he was honorably discharged, March 31, 1919, with the rank of sergeant. Taking up further work at the post office, where he was a clerk until November 10, 1919, he then resigned from the postal service to accept a sales position in the wholesale grocery trade. So engaged for about one and one-half years, he became associated, in August, 1921, with the sporting goods house of A. G. Spalding & Brothers, New York City, with whom he remained until 1937. In that year he became owner and operator of Engle's Sport Shop, Haverstraw.

Throughout his activities in this community, Mr. Engle has demonstrated a deep and continuing interest in Haverstraw affairs. In the autumn of 1919 he was a candidate for the office of town supervisor, but was defeated by a small margin. In 1933 he was elected mayor of Haverstraw, an office which he filled with distinction and to which he was three time reelected, serving until 1940. His activity as mayor proved to be of great value to Haverstraw and its citizens. At the same time he has done much for a number of local organizations. He was the first president of the Haverstraw Lions Club, which was subsequently absorbed in the Rotary Club. Mr. Engle continues as a member of the Rotary Club, and since 1913 has been active in Haverstraw Lodge, No. 877, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was exalted ruler in 1922-23 and again in 1932-33. He was chief of the local fire department in 1916 and through part of 1917, resigning only to serve his country in the First World War. He is a member of Central Presbyterian Church. In spare time he enjoys golf and outdoor life.

In Haverstraw, April 3, 1937, Charles D. Engle married Louise Wach, of Jersey City, New Jersey, daughter of Otto Wach. They have a daughter, Dawn Louise Engle, who was born February 14, 1938, at Nyack Hospital.

PHILIP JOHN RIEBER—As is not unusual with members of old families in Rockland County, Philip John Rieber remained in his native section to become one of its progressive citizens and civic leaders. He was born in Nanuet, Rockland County, April 7, 1897, son of Philip and Katherine Rieber. He attended local schools and was graduated from the Spring Valley High School.

When he launched upon his business career it was in association with Philip Rieber Company, merchants, of which he later became a partner. In the field of finance, Mr. Rieber is one of the organizers of the Nanuet National Bank, of which he continues as a member of the board of directors; and he is president of the Nanuet Savings & Loan Association. In the field of humanitarian endeavors, he is a lay director of the Catholic Charities and a trustee of the Nanuet Shrine Church. Fraternally

he is affiliated with Triune Council No. 2052, of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, and the American Legion, having served his country in the First World War. He is a member and former secretary of the Nanuet Board of Trade. He serves actively on the commission having in charge the Nanuet Fire Department, and long has been connected with the Rockland County Good Roads Association. For recreation he bowls, fishes and hunts, and for hobbies he engages in rabbit breeding and formerly had a large apiary.

On July 5, 1925, at Rome, New York, Philip John Rieber married Marie R. Murphy, and they are the parents of five sons: Philip John, Jr., William James, serving in the United States Navy, John Francis, Walter Eugene, and George Jacob Rieber.

JOSEPH JOHN ANTONELLI—One of the interesting and possibly unexpected business developments of Haverstraw, Rockland County, has been in the growth of factories there that make leather goods. One of the latest to locate in the city, although a relatively old concern, is David Itkin & Company, Inc., with which Joseph John Antonelli became associated when the corporation established a plant here, and of which he has since become a partner and vice-president.

Mr. Antonelli is a native and practically lifelong resident of Haverstraw, born February 2, 1907, son of Carmine and Antoinette (De Constanzo) Antonelli. The elder man, born in Italy, came to Haverstraw more than forty years ago, and starting as a day laborer, rose to be one of the substantial citizens of the community. The son attended the local schools and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of Spiewak & Sons, one of the older firms in Haverstraw which made sheepskin and leather jackets and coats.

Joseph J. Antonelli was connected with Spiewak & Sons for nineteen years before he resigned and on November 17, 1941, accepted a position with David Itkin & Company, Inc., then reviving its operations in a Haverstraw plant. Something of the history of the corporation can be found under the biography of David Itkin, in this volume. The company specializes in the manufacture of leather and woolen garments, sports and working clothing, and has increased the number of employees by five hundred per cent. since 1941. It is now one of the important industrial concerns of Haverstraw. Mr. Antonelli is a partner and vice-president of the company. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, and he worships at St. Peter's Church, Haverstraw.

On January 30, 1929, at Haverstraw, Joseph J. Antonelli married Amelia Talamini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Talamini, of West Haverstraw. Mr. and Mrs. Antonelli are the parents of two children: 1. Gloria, born at Haverstraw, in January, 1930, now an honor student at Haverstraw High School. 2. Joseph, Jr., born at Suffern, June 6, 1944.

CHARLES A. FLYNN—Following the example and tradition of his father and forefathers, Charles A. Flynn, formerly president of the C. F. S. Milk Company, Inc., of Newburgh, Orange County, has been identified with agriculture all his life. Like many other farmers of vision and experience in the Hudson River Valley section of New York, he long ago turned his attention to dairying, wisely realizing that in New York City and the populous regions surrounding it, was an exceptionally vast market for milk and milk products.

He was born at Newburgh, New York, December 12, 1886, son of Charles H. and Margaret K. Flynn, his father being a retired farmer of Orange County. After completing his education in the public schools of his birth city, Charles A. Flynn became associated with the older man in dairying and general farming. The foresight and enterprise that have characterized his career made it evident that the sale of farm products, rather than their growing, was more profitable, and in 1926 he joined John J. Schwer and H. B. Cooley, both independent dairymen, to form the C. F. S. Milk Company, Inc., of which Mr. Flynn became president, so serving until the company was acquired by the Crowley Milk Company after the death of Mr. Schwer in 1943. The firm utilized the milk from some twenty-one dairymen in the region, employing on the average fifteen drivers, besides the inside force and office staff, and had the best and most complete modern equipment. Aside from business Mr. Flynn is an active member of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and the Lions Club. His religious affiliations are with St. Patrick's Catholic Church, in the city.

At Newburgh, New York, in 1917, Charles A. Flynn married Mary A. Dillon, and they are the parents of one daughter, Marjorie, who married Lieutenant Colonel Edwin J. Ostberg, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, class of 1939, and is the mother of a daughter Betsy D. Ostberg. Lieutenant Colonel Edwin J. Ostberg met his death in action in Germany, February 2, 1945.

FRANK DE WITT WYMAN—Associated with the firm of Wyman & Mock, Frank De Witt Wyman is one of the widely known funeral directors of Nyack and Pearl River, and has many friends throughout Rockland County and this region of New York State.

Mr. Wyman was born October 25, 1880, in Nyack, New York, son of the late George R. and Mary (Tallman) Wyman. His father, born in Nyack, was for years a successful plumbing and heating contractor, who learned the trade with his father and remained active in the business until 1918. He died February 23, 1937. The mother, a native of West Nyack, died October 30, 1880.

Mr. Wyman attended public schools here through the high school grades. He prepared himself for his profession at the Renouard School of Embalming, in New York, and early associated himself with the John S. Flender

organization, in the undertaking business. In 1918 he came to Pearl River and established himself in business as a funeral director. In 1929 he formed a partnership with J. Henry Mock, who is now sheriff of Rockland County, the two men together forming the firm of Wyman & Mock. The Nyack branch of the business was set up in that same year, and it still continues in operation.

In addition to carrying on his own business, Mr. Wyman is active in the general affairs of his profession, belonging to the Orange and Rockland County Funeral Directors' Association, the New York State Funeral Directors' Association, the New Jersey State Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association. He is also active in civic and social affairs, belonging to Naurashank Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Pearl River, and being a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Gloria Chapter. He is also Past District Grand Lecturer of the Order of the Eastern Star. In such organizations as the Rotary Club he is a recognized leader, and he is a past noble grand of his lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the advisory board of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Nyack, New York, October 1, 1905, Mr. Wyman married (first), Mabelle Flender, who died in 1929. They became the parents of two children: 1. Frances, born in Nyack on January 5, 1907; she became the wife of Ellsworth Caton, and they became the parents of two children, Ellsworth and Sandra Ann Caton. 2. George De Witt, born August 29, 1912, in Nyack. He married Margaret Scherer and became the father of two children, Mabelle Ellen and Kenneth De Witt Wyman.

Frank De Witt Wyman married (second), March 9, 1930, in Tarrytown, New York, Florence Amos.

MRS. ANNA E. (FLANAGAN) MURTHA—For years active in the affairs of Brewster and of Putnam County, Mrs. Anna E. (Flanagan) Murtha is tax collector of the town of Southeast.

Mrs. Murtha was born July 2, 1902, in Brewster, New York, daughter of the late Thomas and Catherine (McDevitt) Flanagan. Her father, a native Irishman, lived in Brewster most of his life, having come here in 1895, shortly after coming to the New World. Her mother was also born in Ireland. Mrs. Murtha was one of a family of several children, her sisters and brothers being: Sergeant Philip Flanagan, serving overseas with the army in the Second World War at the time of writing; Sergeant Joseph T. Flanagan, also serving overseas; Corporal John Flanagan, also in the army; Mrs. John McBride, of Beacon, New York; Thomas B. Flanagan, living at the family home in Brewster; and William James Flanagan, also living in Brewster. Mrs. Murtha herself takes a lively interest in Brewster affairs, being a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters of America and of the women's auxiliary organization of the Brewster

Fire Department. Her first election as tax collector of the town of Southeast came in 1940, and she was repeatedly reelected to this office, being chosen in 1943 for another two-year term.

On April 28, 1930, in Brewster, New York, she became the wife of the late Francis P. Murtha, born in Tilly Foster, died in Brewster on July 3, 1936, as a result of wounds suffered in the First World War. His parents were Patrick and Ellen (McHugh) Murtha, both natives of Tilly Foster. The father was killed in the Tilly Foster Iron Mine cave-in about a half-century ago. Francis P. Murtha preceded his wife as tax collector of the town of Southeast, so serving for six years upon his return to civilian life after the First World War. In that conflict he was for two years a convalescent at Fox Hill, Staten Island, New York, after being wounded in the St. Mihiel offensive on November 4, 1918, so continuing until 1920. He received the decoration of the Order of the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Croix-de-Guerre. He was a Democrat, a member of the American Legion and Danbury Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a prominent worker in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of his church and of the Knights of Columbus.

His death was an occasion of deep sorrow in the community where he and his wife had become so widely known and active. His services were truly useful from the most varied points of view, as are Mrs. Murtha's down to the time of writing, and he will long be affectionately remembered by a host of friends in all walks of life.

WILLIAM TRAVIS MILLER—As secretary-treasurer of the Industrial Engineering Company, of New York City, and president, 410 West 207th Street Corporation, William Travis Miller occupies a prominent position in this region of New York State.

Mr. Miller was born July 19, 1884, in Carmel, New York, son of Dr. Henry F. and Frances (Travis) Miller. His father, who was also a native of Carmel, was a doctor by profession, carrying on his work in Brewster and Carmel and making his home in Carmel. The mother was born in Westchester. His grandfather, also a resident of Carmel, was a well-known lawyer, practicing throughout Putnam and Westchester counties.

Public schools of Carmel provided W. Travis Miller's early formal education, and he was graduated from Peekskill Military Academy in 1903. He attended the University of Southern California, and later studied engineering at Columbia University, New York City, where he participated in athletics and other student activities. He early associated himself with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, in the Bayonne refinery of the organization, where he remained for a year in young manhood. In 1908 another Columbia engineer and he established the Industrial Engineering Company, in New York City, of

which he is still secretary-treasurer. The company has its headquarters at No. 50 Church Street.

Among his many affiliations, Mr. Miller is a member of the Columbia University Club and the Anglers' Club, of New York City, and he belongs to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the Columbia Senior Society.

In New York City, in 1909, William Travis Miller married Katharine Townsend, of New York, a Barnard College girl, daughter of Henry C. and Katharine (Goodall) Townsend. Her father was for years a prominent patent lawyer in New York. Her mother lived in Washington, District of Columbia, and was one of the first women doctors in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Miller became the parents of the following children: 1. Prescott, born in Montclair, New Jersey, graduated from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, serving in the navy as a lieutenant (j. g.) at the time of this writing, during the Second World War. 2. Travis Townsend, born in New York, attended Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, now an army paratrooper and the recipient of a Presidential citation and three battle stars.

MILES E. SWEENEY—Mr. Sweeney was born January 26, 1893, in Middletown, New York, son of Daniel and Mary E. (McAloon) Sweeney. His father before him was active in the bottling business, having been the founder of the Sweeney Bottling Company in 1885.

Miles E. Sweeney attended parochial schools in Middletown, and after leaving the classroom he became associated with his father in this family business, the Sweeney Bottling Company, the oldest institution of its kind in Orange County. The enterprise is now owned by Mr. Sweeney, his mother and his brother, Daniel B. Sweeney. It operates in an area within a radius of many miles from Middletown, covering all of Orange and Sullivan counties. Twenty-five people are employed here.

Not only does Mr. Sweeney make a notable contribution to the Middletown community and its people and institutions, but he is a recognized leader in civic and social life. He is a member of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion, and McQuoid Engineering Company. During the First World War he served overseas with the 51st Pioneer Infantry, spending several months in the Army of Occupation in Germany. He is, in addition to his other business activities, first vice-president and a trustee of the Middletown Savings Bank. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Miles E. Sweeney married, in Middletown, New York, Julia Mahon. He has one son, Daniel Bradley Sweeney, who was born in 1927, and is now serving in the United States Naval Reserve in World War II.

FOSTER S. BOGARDUS—The history of southeastern New York could not be written without the frequent mention of the name Bogardus, for generation after generation since Colonial times members of this family have been prominent in the life and affairs of the Hudson River Valley section, noted for their exemplary citizenship and valuable contribution to the development of the places in which they made their homes. Foster S. Bogardus, like his father and many of his ancestors, is a native of Fishkill, Dutchess County, born July 16, 1888, son of Charles W. and Julia Frances (Shaw) Bogardus.

His father was a man whose activities were typical of the best in American tradition. What his hand found to do he did with a right good will and effectively. At one time he collected cattle from a wide region and prepared them for market. Later he directed the work of a large farm. At all times he served his community conscientiously and well. Foster S. Bogardus began his business career in a grocery store, and his connection with commerce continued throughout the most of his life. He established his own business in Fishkill in 1928 and has devoted seventeen years to its successful management. While civic-minded, he has not been politically ambitious or eager for public preferment. At one time he was affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, but is more interested in home and family than in joining fraternal orders. Outstanding has been his long connection with the local fire company, which in many communities, and especially in Fishkill, is one of the truly typical and important town organizations, dating as it does from the days when the volunteer firemen were the sole dependence of the community for protection from one of the great hazards of town existence. It might also be mentioned that it was not so long ago that the local fire company went to conventions all over the State and competed in various events. To be a member of a fire engine or hose cart company had its social implications, as well.

In 1910, Foster S. Bogardus married Phebe E. Mekeel, of Fishkill, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Charles F., born November 11, 1911; received his education at Columbia University; he married Mary E. Molyneaux. There are no children. 2. Eleanor G., who married Gerald Cashin; they have two children, John and Adrienne Cashin.

THEODORE VAN WYCK ANTHONY—For years a prominent figure in Newburgh's professional life, Theodore Van Wyck Anthony is engaged in the practice of law here.

Mr. Anthony is a son of Walter C. Anthony. After receiving his preliminary education, he became a student at Union College, where he represented the fourth generation of his family to attend that institution of learning. He was graduated in 1896 as a Bachelor of Arts. In 1931 Union conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree, and in 1942 the degree of Doctor of Letters, in recognition of his many achievements. Mr. Anthony also

had graduate studies in Berlin and Oxford, and, by private reading of law, prepared himself for admittance to the bar. He is, at the time of writing, one of Newburgh's veteran lawyers, with offices in Montgomery Street.

In recent years he has been director and counsel of the Columbus Trust Company, where he succeeded his father in this position. For a number of years he was chairman of the Newburgh organization of the Boy Scouts of America, having been especially active in the growing period of the local council. An authority on historical subjects and antique furniture, he served in 1938 as president of the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands. He was recently appointed by the Governor a trustee of Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh, which headquarters was built by Colonel Jonathan Hasbrouck, a third great-grandfather of Mr. Anthony. In 1935 he was honored by election to the honorary scholastic fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa, a distinction rarely accorded. The election was in recognition of his postgraduate classical studies.

MAX SIMENOVSKY—The remarkable career of Max Simenovsky could have been achieved only in the United States, and exemplifies at its best the tradition of America as a land of opportunity and the manner in which some men of foreign birth use this opportunity. Mr. Simenovsky was born in Russia only a few years after the purchase of Alaska by the United States and the completion of the Manchurian Railroad, the longest in the world. He was taken into the Russian Army and was discharged just before the Russo-Japanese War. After the turn of the century he migrated to New York, and the most of his life in the State has been identified with the Haverstraw section of Rockland County.

Max Simenovsky brought little to the New World besides a strong body and a determination to get ahead in life. If he possessed unusual gifts of mind they were those of the merchant combined with those of the natural student. Times were not prosperous when he came to Rockland County, but undiscouraged by the fact that he was in a different country and not too well versed in a strange language, he set about earning a livelihood. His first few years in this country he spent as a pack peddler, traveling afoot among the hills and river areas of southeastern New York. He learned quickly what the rural housewife and farmer wanted to purchase and when he came around on his route the second time, Mr. Simenovsky had it for them. He was well on his way to success when he secured a horse and wagon and brought a widely diversified stock to his customers of former days.

He had married Rose Broder while living in Russia, but in accord with a sound old custom he did not encourage his wife to come to the United States until he was economically capable of taking good care of her and a prospective family. The year in which Mrs. Simenovsky

arrived to join her husband was marked by the establishment of a retail store in Haverstraw. Both of the twain put their best endeavors in this new enterprise, and the success earned was richly deserved. The first location was on Rockland Street, in the city. Later the store was removed to Main Street, and in about 1919 the present building at No. 43 Broadway, Haverstraw, was bought.

Mr. Simenovsky also owns property at No. 39 Broadway, at No. 7 Lincoln Street, and other parts of the community. Over several decades his stores have specialized in ladies' apparel and other articles desired by the fair sex. Mention has already been made of Mr. Simenovsky as a student (scholar is the better word), without regard to formal education in schools. He is one of those men who never becomes too old to learn and has taught himself down the years. Not the least of his accomplishments is the ability to speak seven languages and to write four. Now in his sixty-seventh year he continues to acquire knowledge and to broaden his outlook upon varied phases of life and affairs. He is a member of B'nai B'rith and the Sons of Jacob Congregation, of Haverstraw. His support of charitable and humanitarian projects is liberal and constant.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Simenovsky are the parents of the following children: 1. Sophie, born in Haverstraw, in 1905, and attended the public schools of Haverstraw. She married Sam R. Spiewak, of Brooklyn, New York, and is the mother of two children: Hilda and Leslie. 2. Nathan, born in Haverstraw, May 27, 1908; attended the grade and high schools of Haverstraw, and is now engaged in his own business in Brooklyn. In 1928, he married Blanche Reiss, of Brooklyn, and they have two children: Arthur, born at Kingston, New York, in March, 1932; Larry, born at Baltimore, Maryland, in May, 1941. 3. Edward, born in Haverstraw and here attended grade and high schools; now living in Lakewood, Ohio; he married Ellen Bommer, of Buffalo, New York. 4. Solomon, born in Haverstraw, in 1915, and after attending grade and high schools, enlisted in the United States Army as a private for World War II service. With the rank of lieutenant, he died February 24, 1943.

ROBERT P. ODENWALD, M. D.—Practicing medicine in Suffern, Dr. Robert P. Odenwald centers his professional labors here and is active in hospital work here and in nearby communities.

Dr. Odenwald was born June 25, 1899, in Germany. He attended there the equivalent of the grammar and high school grades, then became a student at the universities of Strassburg, Heidelberg, Munich, Leipzig and Frankfort, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Frankfort in 1923. He had five years thereafter of postgraduate study at the University of Berlin, and practiced for eight years as specialist for nervous diseases in Nuremberg, Germany. He was then resident physician at St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, New Jersey, for a year,

and still serves on the staff there, although he lives and centers his medical work in Suffern. He is also a staff member at Good Samaritan Hospital, in Suffern. He is a member of the Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Odenwald is a member of the Sacred Heart Church of Suffern and belongs to the Knights of Columbus here. In December, 1943, Dr. Odenwald was commissioned as captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. After his basic training in the Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, he worked in the O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, and in the Winter General Hospital in Topeka, Kansas. In August, 1943, Captain Odenwald was shipped to the European theatre of war, where he was active till June 8, 1944, when he was sent back to the United States suffering from an injury. At present Captain Odenwald is a patient at the Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

In 1932, in Nuremberg, Germany, Dr. Odenwald married Marguerite Cecilie Scharf. They became the parents of three children: 1. John F. Odenwald, born March 30, 1934. 2. Robert P. Odenwald, Jr., born January 1, 1939. 3. Francis Joseph Odenwald, born March 3, 1941.

JOSEPH E. SULLIVAN—Carrying on a general practice of law in Mahopac, Joseph E. Sullivan is one of the leading professional workers in this part of New York State.

Mr. Sullivan was born February 13, 1907, in Jermyn, Pennsylvania, son of the late Joseph E. and Elizabeth A. (Roache) Sullivan. His father, a native Pennsylvanian, was for many years until his death purchasing agent with the Pennsylvania Coal Company, of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Public schools of Jermyn, Pennsylvania, provided Joseph E. Sullivan's early formal education. After graduation from high school there, in 1924, he entered St. Thomas College, now the University of Scranton, where in 1929 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his professional education he entered the law school of Fordham University, New York City, where he was graduated in 1932 as a Bachelor of Laws. While studying law, he was associated with a New York law firm, continuing a general practice of law until 1939 in New York. In that year he established himself in a general practice in Mahopac, where he had made his home from 1936.

In addition to his own practice in Mahopac, Mr. Sullivan conducts a practice in New York City, and is a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is also a director of the Putnam County Kiwanis Club and belongs to the United States Revolver Association. Since 1940 he has been financial secretary of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department. He is a

member of the Roman Catholic Church of Mahopac. Fond always of the out-of-doors, Mr. Sullivan enjoys fishing, swimming, skating and shooting, sports in which this region of New York State abounds.

In New York City, September 15, 1933, Joseph E. Sullivan married Grace Linhart, a native of New York, daughter of Frank and Emma Linhart. They became the parents of two daughters: 1. Ellen, born September 12, 1941, in Mahopac. 2. Nina, born November 28, 1943, in Mahopac.

HAROLD A. WILLIAMS—One of Nyack's native sons who has substantially served his home community, Harold A. Williams is supervisor of the town of Orangetown. His broad background of business and civic experience fits him well for his present work in this connection.

Mr. Williams was born February 2, 1903, in Nyack, Rockland County, New York, son of Harry and Anna (McBride) Williams, both natives of Nyack. His father was a painter by trade from an early period in his life, and carries on his work at the time of writing at Rockland State Hospital.

Public schools in Nyack provided Harold A. Williams' early formal education. After attending high school, he began his active career at the age of fourteen years, when he obtained employment with Ray Bergman, of Nyack, as clerk in a sporting goods store. For four or five years he continued that work, then was associated for a further period of two years with another sporting goods house, that of Shevlin, Daly & Gale. For three years he was payroll clerk with the Fibre Conduit Company, in Orangeburg. Then he was a clerk with the Judge Auto Company.

It was in 1930 that he formed his initial connection with the Rockland State Hospital, becoming voucher and treasury clerk and so continuing until given a leave of absence, in order that he might accept the nomination to the post of supervisor of the town of Orangetown. He was duly elected in 1941, and took office in January, 1942. A Republican in his political views, Mr. Williams has long been active in party affairs, and he has taken a deep and continuing interest in the life of the community in which he lives. He was elected a councilman of the town of Orangetown in 1933, and served two terms of four years each thereafter. He has been a member of the Chelsea Hook and Ladder Company, of Nyack, since 1921. He belongs to St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. In leisure time he enjoys golf and fishing.

Harold A. Williams served also, in 1935, 1936 and 1937, as a member of the State executive committee of the Civil Service Association.

On October 14, 1944, Mr. Williams was married to Irene C. Coffee, daughter of John and Elizabeth Coffee, the former a steamfitter of Nyack, New York. Mrs. Williams was a graduate of the Nyack High School and

was an employee of the Rockland Light & Power Company for twenty-three years. She is a member of the Rockland County Republican Committee.

THE HOWLAND CIRCULATING LIBRARY COMPANY, BEACON—The Howland Circulating Library Company was founded January 5, 1872, through the efforts of General Joseph Howland, a philanthropist of wide repute. He gave the land and building and a liberal donation for books. The library was formally opened seven months later on subscription basis as a stock company, every share holder being assessed annually instead of receiving a dividend.

Joseph N. Badeau was the first librarian, followed in 1907 by Nancy M. Lamont. Miss Lamont died in 1942 and was succeeded by the present librarian, Marion Davies.

The first president was General Howland, 1872-86, followed by Winthrop Sargent in 1903, Samuel Verplanck to 1911, S. M. Davidson to 1915, Charles E. Spaight to 1918 and Bayard Verplanck who holds the office at the present time.

The trustees for the first year were Joseph Howland, Lyman Robinson, Willard H. Mase, Robert J. Halgin, John J. Monell, Smith T. Van Buren, Winthrop Sargent, William S. Verplanck and Theodore Brinckerhoff. They were all intimately associated with the history and development of the town of Fishkill and the village of Matteawan, now in the city of Beacon. The present trustees are: Bayard Verplanck, Floyd L. Callahan, Mrs. L. A. Gillet, Anne Du Bois, James G. Meyer, Henry E. Emery, Roy A. Gilland, Harry K. Tompkins and Robert W. Doughty.

Since the founding of the library company almost seventy-five years ago the most important step in its development and its service to the community took place in 1929 when it became a free library with annual appropriations from the city in exchange for free service to the residents. Since then the growth has been most gratifying. There are now nineteen thousand volumes with usually about four thousand annual borrowers and a circulation of approximately fifty thousand volumes a year. The library is an institution that is constantly striving to give more and better service to its reading public.

REV. EMMETT F. ROGERS—One of the truly great advantages that such sections as Rockland County derive from their proximity to the American metropolis, is the quality of the men who frequently render public service. The Rev. Father Emmett F. Rogers, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tomkins Cove, on the Hudson, served his Master and the church well in one of the most populous and varied peopled parishes in New York City, before 1925, when he came to his present field. The years have been marked by

esteem and affection that are broader than local or denominational in characteristics. A contemporary, but not a member of his parish, said of him: "He is untiring in his ministry, faithful to every duty, loyal to his Church and progressive in its cause, a man of broad sympathies and sincere in everything that he does."

Father Rogers was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, December 22, 1876, son of American parents, Patrick and Jessie Ann (MacDonald) Rogers, the former a native of Ireland who came to the New World as a youth and settled in Brooklyn, New York. For many many years he plied his vocation as a merchant tailor. The future cleric, Emmett F. Rogers, attended schools in Brooklyn and was graduated from the Brooklyn High School, class of 1893. In the years of one of the financial depressions of the United States, he started out to make his own livelihood, and from 1893 to 1898 was in the employ of a brokerage firm on Wall Street, New York City.

Then he began to prepare for what he believed to be his calling, and for a scholastic year attended St. Francis Xavier College, down town in New York City. In 1899 he matriculated at Fordham University, from which he was graduated in 1903, a Bachelor of Arts. Entering St. Joseph's Theological Seminary, at Dunwoodie, just north of New York City, he was ordained there in 1908. Assigned to the Church of St. Columba, on West Twenty-fifth Street, New York City, he remained there until 1925, since which year he has been pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tomkins Cove, Rockland County, New York.

JAMES A. JONAS—A forward-looking business attitude is reflected in the work of Pellissier, Jonas & Rivet Company, in Walden, of which James A. Jonas is vice-president, treasurer and general manager. This enterprise has a distinguished history, dating back to its early beginnings in France. Started as a hatters' fur production house, it has now expanded its scope to include the processing of many textile fibers. Original patents and new developments in the textile trade are to be traced to this plant, which occupies so prominent a position in the life of Walden and Orange County.

Mr. Jonas, whose part in its management has been outstanding in recent years, was born February 5, 1894, in New York City. His father, Louis A. Jonas, a native of Germany, was engaged in the same line of business, the manufacture of hatters' furs. The mother was Mrs. Louise B. (Jacobs) Jonas.

James A. Jonas attended public schools, and early turned his attention to business pursuits. He and his brother, George E. Jonas, gradually extended their scope of operations from the manufacture of hatters' fur to the textile work in which they are now engaged. The firm of Pellissier, Jonas & Rivet had its inception in France in 1871. In 1890 a branch factory, which later became



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the head office, was opened in Brooklyn, New York. A series of metamorphoses in the business led to the formation of the present firm, with the present name of Pellissier, Jonas & Rivet Company, which came to Walden in 1933. Here the company took over the property formerly occupied by the Walden Knife Company—twenty-one acres in all—and reconstructed several of the buildings to meet its needs and erected some wholly new buildings. The Pellissier, Jonas & Rivet Company normally employs more than seventy-five people and distributes its products internationally. George E. Jonas, James A. Jonas' brother, is president and secretary of the company; James A. Jonas himself is vice-president, treasurer and general manager, as already indicated; and John J. Carey is the only other executive officer.

Mr. Jonas also takes a deep interest in the civic and social life of his community. He serves as president of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of Governor Herbert Lehman's committee in charge of arrangements for the evacuation of New York City in the event of an emergency. He was a director of the Orange County War Council and is a member of the National Board of Arbitration. He is chairman of District No. 12 of New York State of the Committee for Economic Development, including the counties of Rockland, Sullivan, Greene, Orange, and Ulster. Known both locally and nationally for his achievements, Mr. Jonas is a member of the Rotary Club and is a Past Master of Wallkill Lodge, No. 627, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and is an initiate in Mecca Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to No. 1 Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

ETHAN ALLEN COON—Conducting the Ethan A. Coon & Company greenhouses, twenty-seven in number, in association with his partner, Ethan Allen Coon deserves high commendation for his contribution to Rhinebeck business life. These greenhouses have approximately two hundred and fifty thousand square feet of glass, and the plant is one of the most modern of its kind.

Mr. Coon was born June 4, 1883, in Red Hook, New York, son of Robert H. and Helena (Potts) Coon. His father, born July 3, 1841, in Columbia County, New York, died May 21, 1940. The mother, born December 29, 1849, in Columbia County, died October 30, 1902.

Ethan Allen Coon attended the White Schoolhouse near Rhinebeck, and later studied at the Barrytown School and the Eastman Business College. Until he reached the age of twenty-one years he carried on farming operations on the family homestead. Then, in 1905, with his father, Robert H. Coon, he came to Rhinebeck, built a greenhouse and started raising double violets. The firm operated under the name of Robert Coon until, in 1907, Ethan Allen Coon started work independently

with one lone greenhouse. Gradually he developed his new venture until at the time of writing, as indicated above, he has twenty-seven greenhouses under approximately two hundred and fifty thousand square feet of glass. The enterprise continued simply under the name of Ethan A. Coon until, in 1926, Mr. Coon's partner, J. Walter Snyder, joined him, whereupon the firm became Ethan A. Coon & Company.

So remaining down to the time of writing, the firm has added all kinds of flowers to its original violet business, catering widely to the retail trade in and near Rhinebeck. The Coon organization employs an average of about fifteen people and makes a notable contribution to Rhinebeck prosperity and well-being. Mr. Coon himself is widely active in village life, serving in different public offices. A Democrat, he has been a trustee of the village for five years and a trustee of Rhinebeck High School for sixteen years. Since 1935 he has been district deputy for Dutchess County of the New York State Grange. He is a director and chairman of the building committee of the new Northern Dutchess Health Service Center, in Rhinebeck. He belongs to Warren Lodge, No. 32, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Rhinebeck Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Third Lutheran Church of Rhinebeck, where he serves on the church council. His favorite hobby is grange work, to which he devotes a great deal of time and attention.

On January 12, 1911, Ethan Allen Coon married Alice A. Traver, of Rhinebeck, New York, daughter of Willett Traver and Lizzie E. (Schultz) Traver. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret G., a graduate of Elmira College, took one year of work at the Clark School for the Deaf, Northampton, Massachusetts, and has for some years specialized in teaching the deaf at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Cleveland, Ohio; she is in the WACs at the time of writing. 2. Catharine L., who studied at Southern Seminary in Virginia and the Juilliard School of Music, New York City, and is at the time of writing a singer by profession. 3. Eleanor T., graduate of Russell Sage College and is now an instructor in Meadowbrook Hospital, Hempstead, Long Island.; she is the wife of Donald J. Closs.

THE REV. FATHER STANISLAUS J. MCGOVERN—It is fitting that after years of service, the Rev. Father Stanislaus J. McGovern should become the pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Spring Valley, Rockland County, not many miles across the Hudson River from his birthplace. All of his clerical career has been identified with southeastern New York, if one includes the metropolis, and it has been marked by devotion to the church and his Master, a devotion that has been distinguished by services rendered several parishes.

Father McGovern was born in Peekskill, Westchester County, New York, on September 10, 1894, son of Peter and Julia (Martin) McGovern, both now deceased. His

father, a contractor and builder and substantial citizen, was a native of Peekskill, and lies buried there. Stanislaus J. McGovern attended the public school of his birthplace, Cathedral College and Dunwoodie Catholic Seminary, Yonkers, New York. Ordained to the priesthood in 1921, he went to St. Pius Church, New York City, where he remained for three years as curate. From 1924 to 1936, Father McGovern was associated with St. Michael's Church, New York, and from 1936 until 1943 was assistant pastor of Irvington, Westchester County. From January, 1943, to May of that year, he was curate of a Hyde Park church, and since that year has been the beloved pastor of St. Joseph's Church, in Spring Valley, Rockland County. Prominently active in civic and community affairs, Father McGovern is a member of the Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Company, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. A contemporary has said of this consecrated and zealous priest of the church: "Father McGovern is untiring and tactful in his labors, faithful to every duty, loyal to the Church and aggressive in its cause. He is a man of broad sympathies and sincere in everything he does. His friends are many, his enemies few, if any."

JOHN FRANCIS HINES—It is with a broad background of business and industrial experience that John F. Hines has come to his present post of councillor of the town of Haverstraw. First elected in 1932, he has been repeatedly reelected down to the time of writing.

Mr. Hines was born April 1, 1891, in Haverstraw, New York, son of William and Margaret (McCabe) Hines, of this place. His father was for many years associated with the brick business here.

Public schools furnished John F. Hines' early formal education through the high school grades. In boyhood he worked in Haverstraw brickyards, and he was for fifteen years foreman of the Garnerville Print Works, at Garnerville, New York. In 1930 he became foreman of a textile mill in New Jersey, so continuing down to the time of writing. Along with his other activities, Mr. Hines has had to his credit a wide range of community work. He served his country from September, 1917, to July, 1919, during the First World War, as a member of Company M, 310th Infantry Regiment.

In addition to his service as councillor for four terms of four years each, Mr. Hines has figured prominently in a variety of civic and social activity. He is active in the Boy Scout movement, is chancellor of the Knights of Columbus, and is a past commander of Harold B. Holt Post No. 46 (Haverstraw) of the American Legion. He is a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life and healthful recreations, notably baseball.

In Haverstraw, New York, November 17, 1920, John F. Hines married Josephine Monahan, daughter of James and Hannah (O'Keefe) Monahan.

GEORGE R. LANCHANTIN—As a member of bench and bar, George R. Lanchantin has effectively served the community of Sparkill and the county of Rockland. He is a judge in the town of Orangetown.

Judge Lanchantin was born April 16, 1902, in Brooklyn, New York, son of the late Alfred and Margaret (Oliver) Lanchantin. His father died in 1909, and his mother in 1910. Alfred Lanchantin was a buyer of men's clothing, representing a number of large interests in that industry.

Public schools provided Judge George R. Lanchantin's early formal education, and he was graduated from Public School No. 128, in Brooklyn, and, with the class of 1920, from Brooklyn Preparatory School. Entering the law school of Fordham University, in New York City, Mr. Lanchantin received the degree of Bachelor of Laws there in 1925. Passing his bar examinations in that year, he served a clerkship with the legal department of the B. M. T. subway system, in New York, then came to Rockland County and became connected with the law offices of Leon Woodworth, in Pearl River. In April, 1927, he came to Sparkill, where he has practiced law down to the time of writing.

In addition to his legal background, Mr. Lanchantin has a broad knowledge of banking and finance. Immediately after completing his studies at the Brooklyn Preparatory School, in 1920, he became connected with the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, in New York City, serving as clerk there while carrying forward his studies of finance with the American Institute of Banking for two years before he entered Fordham Law School. He finds his knowledge of finance highly useful in his work as lawyer and judge, being able to follow the details of ramified financial transactions without recourse to the knowledge of outside experts.

From an early period in his career Mr. Lanchantin has taken a deep interest in public affairs. He is a judge, as already noted, having been originally appointed to the bench to fill the unexpired term of John W. Hill in 1933. Taking office in January, 1934, Judge Lanchantin was duly elected to the judgeship in 1935, to serve a two-year term. In 1937 he was reelected for a four-year term, and in 1941 he was again elected, also for four years. He still holds this office down to the time of writing, and he has distinguished himself by true judicial poise and impartiality, as well as by broad knowledge of the law and human understanding.

In many other ways Judge Lanchantin has served his Rockland County community. He is coördinator of Tappan and is a leading Republican in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus, being a past grand knight and a member of Piermont Council. He is a member of the board of directors of the Catholic Laymen's League of Rockland County and a member of the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, in Tappan, and its Holy Name Society. He is

also a director of the Rockland County Bar Association. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, being especially fond of gardening. He raises dahlias of great beauty, which have earned the praises of many amateurs and experts. He is fond of swimming.

Judge George R. Lanchantin married, November 23, 1929, Marie Ryan, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Hackett) Ryan. They became the parents of two children: 1. George R., Jr., born September 24, 1930, in Nyack. 2. Marie L., born February 28, 1934, in Tappan.

BRADFORD M. JOHNSON—Like many another, the career of Bradford M. Johnson entered a variety of fields of human endeavor before he became a banker, a profession in which he has been active for the past thirteen years. Public-spirited, he also has rendered excellent service to the Nyack section of Rockland County, of which he is a native and life-long resident. He was born at South Nyack, New York, October 10, 1894, son of Harry and Ida F. (Moore) Johnson, both also originally from Rockland County. His father, now retired, was long an engineer with the Erie Railroad system, and a substantial citizen of Nyack.

After Bradford M. Johnson was graduated from the Nyack High School, class of 1913, he entered the employ of the Upper Nyack Shipyards, as stock clerk, working for Charles Francis, the owner of the yards. He learned to love the Hudson River, which is a trait so frequently a characteristic of those born and reared in the river valley area, and this affection never has ceased. However, after three years he went with the Young Men's Christian Association, in Nyack, under Secretary Housman, and so continued for two years. On April 1, 1913, Mr. Johnson became associated with the Rockland County Trust Company, and in 1924 was made assistant trust officer. After the merger of the two banks in December, 1931, he was appointed trust officer, a position he has since held.

A civic minded citizen, Mr. Johnson has frequently been drafted for public services. At one time he was the treasurer of the Free School of Nyack. He was a former trustee of the village of Nyack (1931), and since 1936 he has been the treasurer of the village of Nyack. When the United States entered the First World War, Bradford M. Johnson enlisted on December 2, 1917, in the United States Army Ambulance Corps, and spent fourteen months in service in France with the American Expeditionary Forces. Among the most noteworthy of the offensive operations in which he participated were those at Chateau Thierry, the St. Mihiel Salient, and the Meuse-Argonne Forest campaign. He received his honorable discharge from his corps in 1919, and became identified with the banking profession in civilian life. Mr. Johnson is a past commander of the American Legion Post; a former president of the Nyack Republican Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Rockland Lodge, Free

and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

In New York City, September 20, 1920, Bradford M. Johnson married Lulu Zanerra, and they are the parents of two daughters, both born in Nyack: 1. Carol, born in 1922, a graduate of the grade and high schools of Nyack; she married Captain John Peter Bedford, of Nyack, who is now serving his country in World War II. 2. Barbara, born in 1927, who received her education in Nyack grade and high schools.

ABE STERN—Chief of Police of the town of Ramapo, Rockland County, Abe Stern has spent twenty-eight years in the enforcement of the law, since 1928 as chief of police either in the village of Spring Valley or (mainly) in the town of Ramapo. His reputation as a servant of the public is far more than local in character, and he is a popular and useful figure in New York State organizations.

Chief Stern was born at Knova, Poland, on October 16, 1887, son of David and Flora (Michelson) Stern, both of whom are now deceased and lie buried in Brooklyn, New York. The family migrated to America when their son, of this record, was an infant, and for some years the father, who died in 1910, was a general store merchant at Gabriels, Franklin County, New York. Abe Stern acquired his formal education in the public schools of the town of Brighton, Franklin County, and then went to the Albany Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. He returned to New York City and was variously employed for a short time before he joined his brother-in-law, Mr. Margulis, to establish a general store in Ladentown, Rockland County. This connection was continued until early in 1907, when Abe Stern decided to enter the automobile trade in New York City. In 1913, he returned to Ladentown, and opened a garage and service station.

While carrying on his automobile business in Rockland County, Abe Stern was appointed, in 1916, a deputy sheriff of this county under Sheriff Hudson Hurd. He did such excellent work in this capacity, that in January, 1928, he became chief of police, village of Spring Valley. Again he added to his reputation, and in 1931 he was appointed chief of the police of the town of Ramapo, an office which he has since filled capably to the general satisfaction of the public.

Chief of Police Stern is a member of the board of the Association of Chiefs of Police of New York State. He is a former president of the Police Benevolent Association for Rockland County. It was during his tenure of office that the police system of Rockland County was placed under Civil Service, and he also installed the police radio system for Rockland County. Fraternally he is affiliated with Stony Point Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Haverstraw; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, of Spring Valley,

and Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His favorite outdoor recreations are hunting and fishing.

At Haverstraw, New York, June 4, 1916, Abe Stern married Annie Adler, daughter of Louis and Belle (Harring) Adler, of West Haverstraw.

SAMUEL GREENSTEIN—For many years active in Suffern and Rockland County business affairs, Samuel Greenstein owns and operates the Ramapo Valley Distributors, Inc., wholesale distributor of beer and carbonated beverages, Ramapo Wine & Liquor Corporation of Newburgh, New York, wholesale distributor of wines and liquors and the Ramapo Jewel Bearing Corporation, manufacturers of jewel bearings for wartime uses.

Mr. Greenstein was born July 10, 1886, in Lithuania, son of Harry and Beila (Goldberg) Greenstein. His parents came to America and took up their residence at New Britain, Connecticut, where the father died in 1923 and the mother in 1928 and where the remains of both parents lie at rest.

Receiving his early formal education in European schools, he came while still very young to the New World, taking up his home in New Britain, Connecticut, with his parents. It was in 1905 that Samuel Greenstein came to Suffern to live. In that year he established himself in the wholesale liquor and carbonated beverage business in Suffern, later establishing the present firm of Ramapo Valley Distributors, Inc. This business house is widely and favorably known, and acts as distributing agent for many widely known beverage brands, including Schlitz, Krueger's, Peter Doelger, Genesee Bass Ale, Guinness Stout, "White Rock," "Canada Dry" products, "Pepsi-Cola," and all flavors of carbonated waters and carbonic gas.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Greenstein is engaged in the real estate business in Suffern and vicinity, and has the distinction of having been one of the organizers of the Lafayette Bank & Trust Company, of Suffern, and a director for many years. The Ramapo Jewel Bearing Corporation, which he owns, situated at No. 86 Orange Avenue, Suffern, is engaged at the time of writing entirely in war production, making jewel bearings for instruments used in defense work by the government in the Second World War. His son, Herbert Greenstein, is in charge of operations at this plant.

Active in a wide range of civic work, Samuel Greenstein is vice-president and trustee of the Rockland County Voluntary Aid Society, Inc. Formerly he served as a trustee of the Suffern Board of Education. He is at the time of writing a trustee of the Suffern Free Library and a member of the executive board of the Ramapo Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a member of the Rockland County chapter of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A former president and treasurer of the Congregation Sons of Israel, of Suffern, he has been an active trustee since it was formed. He

is also a member of the Zionist Organization of America. A life member of Emanuel Lodge, No. 654, of the Free and Accepted Masons, he is affiliated with many Masonic bodies, including the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, different departments of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (in which he holds the thirty-second degree), and Mecca Temple (New York) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He holds honorary membership in Ramapo Lodge, Suffern, in the Masonic Order. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Mr. Greenstein is affiliated with Haverstraw Lodge, No. 877, and he also is a member of the Foresters of America. All his sons are also Masons, members of Emanuel Lodge, New York City, in which he himself is, as noted above, a life member.

Samuel Greenstein married, January 29, 1908, in New York City, Yetta Bloch, who died in 1940. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Edward, born May 15, 1909, at Fishkill Landing, New York, attended public schools in Suffern through the high school grades, then entered Lehigh University, and is now serving in the army during the Second World War; he married Edna Quint, of Newburgh, New York. They have one child, Barbara Helen, born July 8, 1945. 2. Louis, born October 2, 1911, in Fishkill; after having attended the Suffern grammar and high schools, he entered Blair Academy. He was graduated from Alfred University, Alfred, New York, in 1934; he married Marion Soppe, of Rochester, New York, and they are the parents of a son, Theodore Elliot Greenstein. 3. Rose S., born March 14, 1915, in Suffern, attended public schools through the high school grades here, and was graduated from the Russell Sage College, Troy, New York. 4. Herbert, born April 17, 1917, in Suffern, attended grammar and high schools here, then went to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; he married Mildred Miller, of Suffern, and they have a son, Alan, born June 16, 1945.

FREDERICK D. SPREEN—Before engaging in the military service of his country during World War I, Frederick D. Spreen was employed by the Dexter Folder Company of Pearl River. After being mustered out of the United States Army he entered the employ of the Bank of Commerce of New York, but after a year or two became a realtor and insurance man at Pearl River, Rockland County, fields in which he has been exceptionally successful.

He was born on March 21, 1896, at Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Herman and Pauline (Steinmann) Spreen, both of whom are now deceased. His mother was a native of Switzerland, who was brought to New York City when she was four years old. Herman Spreen, born in Germany, came to the New World as a young man, settling in Jersey City in 1882, later removing to Pearl River, where he was engaged as a merchant tailor.

Frederick D. Spreen obtained his education in the public schools of his birthplace, Jersey City, the Spencer Business College, of that city, and the American Institute of Banking. From 1911 to 1912 he was assistant to the buyer of the Syndicate Trading Company, in New York City, but upon the removal of the family to Pearl River, in the latter year, he became employed in the office of the Dexter Folder Company. With the entrance of the United States in the First World War, he was inducted in the United States Army and was a member of Company M, 310th Infantry, 78th Division. He received his honorable discharge from the army with the rank of sergeant-major in 1919.

Upon his return to civilian life he again became associated with the Dexter Folder Company, remaining here until 1920. Resigning from this connection he was with the National Bank of Commerce, New York City, for a year, and during the following year joined W. M. Evans in a real estate business at Pearl River.

In 1922 Mr. Spreen established his own real estate and insurance business at Pearl River, where he has since met with increasing success. He takes an active interest in civic, fraternal and club circles of his community. He is a director of the First National Bank of Pearl River, and is a director of the Park Savings & Loan Association of Pearl River. He is a charter member of the Rockland County Real Estate Board, a member of Rockland County Insurance Agents Association, and is a member of the Pearl River Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Naurashank Lodge, No. 939, Free and Accepted Masons; Viking Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and attends the Lutheran Church. Golf is his favorite form of recreation.

On January 16, 1925, at Pearl River, Frederick D. Spreen married Evelyn Peper, daughter of George and Anne (Conrad) Peper. Mr. and Mrs. Spreen are the parents of two children: 1. Frederick D., Jr., born at Pearl River, October 23, 1926, attending Gettysburg College. 2. Evelyn, also born at Pearl River, August 9, 1928, attending Penn Hall Junior College.

GORDON CONCKLIN—Rockland County has a long established reputation as a horticultural district in the Hudson River Valley. The village of Pomona, in this region, was named by Gordon Concklin's grandfather, George Concklin, who thus named it for the Latin *poma*, meaning fruit, because it was a center of fruit production. Outstanding among the names associated with this town and area is Concklin, for members of this family, without a break, have been identified with fruit growing—the Concklin Orchards having been owned by the Concklin family for two hundred and twenty-nine successive years up to 1945. Gordon Concklin has been connected with this horticultural enterprise since the turn into the present century.

He was born at Pomona, town of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, on May 9, 1885, son of Andrew and Sarah E. (Blauvelt) Concklin and the grandson of George Concklin, a descendant from a member of the family who settled in this part of Rockland County in 1722. George Concklin was at one time probably the largest fruit-grower in New York State, having over three hundred acres of apples. He also pioneered in building apple storehouses.

Gordon Concklin, with whom this brief record is primarily concerned, attended District School No. 10, but owing to the death of one of his parents, very early in life became active in fruit growing on the old family estate and in keeping pace with constantly changing methods in horticulture. His start was made in 1900 if one must choose a date to begin an activity in which one has really grown up. At first his occupation was simply growing fruit, apples chiefly, for the metropolitan market, and the making of cider from what could not be shipped. The cold storage of fruit for later sale was practically not known nor practiced, and the prevention of disease and insect infestation was in its infancy. Concklin Orchards is exceptionally well handled at the present writing, and has been for years. Gordon Concklin and his sons are experts in their business and are leaders among the horticulturalists of southeastern New York. In 1941 a storage plant was built to house from fifteen thousand to eighteen thousand bushels of apples. The making of cider and the production of vinegar were added many years ago. Nor has the passing retail trade been neglected, for Concklin Orchards maintains one of the largest retail and wholesale roadside markets on Route No. 94, Pomona. With his business and neighbors engaged in the same enterprise, Gordon Concklin has long-continued associations, one of these as charter member of the Rockland County Farm Bureau, which he helped to found more than a quarter of a century ago, and of which he was president for three years and a long-term director. Along civic lines he was a school trustee of District No. 10, Pomona, for a dozen years. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and there are few progressive endeavors made in the region in which he has made his home since birth, to which he has not lent hearty support.

On April 29, 1907, at Spring Valley, New York, Gordon Concklin married Emma May Peters, daughter of George and Lavina (Van Valen) Peters, and they are the parents of the following children, all born at Pomona: 1. George W., born March 7, 1908, and attended District School No. 10; he is married to Eleanor Haring, and the father of two sons: Dale and Brice. 2. Edwin Merritt, born December 7, 1910, a graduate of District School No. 10, and Spring Valley High School; now engaged in the wholesale fruit and produce business in Spring Valley. He married Emma Keidel, and they

have two daughters, Betty Ann, and Nancy Lou. 3. Howard Harvey, born November 27, 1912; a graduate of District School No. 10 and Spring Valley High School, class of 1931; he married Frances E. Colquhoun, of New City, on June 1, 1936, and they are the parents of a son, Roland Gordon, born June 9, 1939, at Tappan, New York. 4. Oscar Lake, born January 11, 1915, a graduate of District School No. 10 and the Spring Valley High School. He married Helen DeMeister and they have a daughter, Gail Helen, born July 29, 1945.

FRED C. BENNETT—Fred C. Bennett named the building that he constructed "The Village Barn," and has since operated it in a most successful way. The "Barn" might well be called a caravansary or some more elegant name, for it is an establishment catering to the public, where gracious hospitality, fine foods, and a variety of entertainment are liberally provided. At the gateway to Mahopac, Putnam County, New York, in the midst of rich farm lands and rural beauty, "The Village Barn" is a modern adaptation in the architecture of a barn on a grand scale in exterior, charming in coloring and substantial grace. Within, comfort and service are the keynote, and spacious rooms for restaurant dining, dancing and bowling are provided, the finest that can be found for miles around. Its popularity is widespread and visitors come here, not alone from the neighboring communities, and metropolitan New York City, but from distant States where its reputation has become known.

The proprietor of "The Village Barn," Fred C. Bennett, is a native of this section of Putnam County, born at Mahopac, in 1898, son of Everett H. and Hattie M. (Post) Bennett. His father, a well-known figure in local life and affairs over a long period, is the subject of a biographical sketch in this volume. Fred C. Bennett attended local public schools and was graduated from the Katonah High School with the class of 1915. Almost from the first of his career he has been in business for himself, for some years being connected with trucking and transportation activities in the Mahopac area. He built "The Village Barn" in 1940, and has since devoted the most of his time and energies to its development, with most excellent results. He is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Peekskill, New York, and constantly has coöperated with projects and organizations promoting the best interests of this part of southeastern New York.

At Newark, New Jersey, in 1920, Fred C. Bennett married Melvina White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. White, of Prince Edward Island, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are the parents of a son, Fred E., born at Mahopac, in May, 1921, and received his education in the public schools of Mahopac, St. John's Military School, at Ossining, and Manhattan College. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, for World War II service, and holds the rank of corporal.

MELVIN E. KNAPP—Engaged in the real estate business in Rockland County prior to the Second World War, Melvin E. Knapp is now serving in the Field Artillery of the army.

At the time of writing (November, 1945) Mr. Knapp has been serving overseas for twenty months in the E. T. O. He entered the service December 28, 1942, and was discharged October 15, 1945, as staff sergeant having received five battle stars for participation in the battles of Normandy, the Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France, and the Rhineland.

Corporal Knapp was born in New City, New York, February 23, 1909, son of the late John and Edith (Trumper) Knapp, both natives of Rockland County. His father was a farmer.

New City public schools and Pearl River High School provided Melvin E. Knapp's early formal education. Later he entered the real estate business in his native county, where his ancestor, George Knapp, was an early pioneer. The Knapp homestead, in Brewery Road, New City, dates back to 1769. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have remodeled this residence in recent years, and they maintain the thirty-three-acre property on which it is situated. They are both members in the Reformed Church of Nyack. Mr. Knapp was secretary of the New City Fire Department for many years and a member of the New City Business Men's Club. He will undoubtedly resume his many-sided activities in Nyack and New City when he returns from his service in the Second World War.

On May 31, 1940, in Nyack, New York, Melvin E. Knapp married Elizabeth S. Steingester, daughter of John and Johanna (Eggers) Steingester. Mrs. Knapp is a member of the New City Chapter of the Red Cross, and quite active doing canteen duty at Camp Shanks, and she is a volunteer worker for the New City Ration Board. She is a member of the Garden Club of Nanuet.

GUSTAF BIRGER BIRCH—Inventive genius and executive abilities enabled Gustaf Birger Birch to retire from industrial activities at an age when most men are forced to continue their vocations. He is the inventor of the "Cameron Machine" used the world over; and for many years he was a partner, vice-president, and general manager of The Cameron Machine Company which he organized in Brooklyn, New York. In this city he entered actively into numerous organizations, and his departure to the New City section of Rockland County to indulge in his favorite hobby, agriculture, was keenly regretted by a host of friends and associates.

Mr. Birch came originally to the United States from Stockholm, as a child of two years. He was born in the capital of Sweden on July 19, 1878, son of Gustaf and Helga (Soderholm) Birch. His father had been connected with the Swedish Government before he brought his family to the New World, and from his arrival in Brooklyn, in 1880, until his passing, was a sta-



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tionary engineer, an occupation he had learned in Europe. Mrs. Helga Birch had been a school teacher in Stockholm, Sweden.

G. Birger Birch attended the grade schools and Pratt Institute, all in Brooklyn, and in addition had four years with a private tutor. At the age of eighteen, in 1896, he began what might be called an apprenticeship in the making of machinery. He was variously employed prior to 1903, when he became one of the founders and a partner of the concern that bore the title of The Cameron Machine Company. Of this he was a partner, executive vice-president and general manager to 1929, when he sold his holdings in the corporation and retired from manufacturing. The base of the success of this company was the "Cameron Machine," the device and system invented by Mr. Birch, and which is universally used in its field. It is a patented system for cutting and rewinding paper and other fabrics, a very important time saver and improvement on old methods.

Mr. Birch had hardly started his mechanical career when our country became involved in the Spanish-American War, and he joined Company G, of the 14th Regiment, New York State National Guard, a patriotic endeavor on his part that, to the adventurous youth, was disappointing in the inaction of his unit, like most others in the United States. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; a charter member of the Exchange Club of Brooklyn and was especially popular and to the fore in the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; all of which connections were broken by his removal to his "Chestnut Grove Farms," New City, Rockland County, where he enjoys directing the affairs of his place, trying out some of his agricultural and horticultural ideas; but never losing sight of efficiency in farming, and during present global war conditions devoting his knowledge and energies to production on the largest scale possible. Fraternally Mr. Birch is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, No. 756, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brooklyn.

In 1903, at Brooklyn, New York, Gustaf Birger Birch married Rachel A. Meyer, daughter of the late Fred H. and Lillie (Blanch) Meyer.

LOUIS J. LYNCH—As village attorney of Haverstraw, Louis J. Lynch fills an important post in the life of this community and its people and institutions.

A native of Haverstraw, he was born here November 29, 1895, son of the late Patrick J. and Alice G. (Warburton) Lynch, both of whom are now deceased. His father, who was engaged in the sand and gravel business here, was at one time mayor and a village trustee in Haverstraw and an active leader in social and civic life.

Haverstraw public schools provided Louis J. Lynch's early formal education, and after graduation from Haverstraw High School in 1914 he became a student at the

law school of Fordham University, New York City, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1920. Admitted in that year to the New York State bar, he entered at once upon a general practice of law in Brooklyn, New York. He returned to Haverstraw in 1936 to open an office. Since that time he has figured prominently in the professional and public affairs of Rockland County. He was elected to the board of education in 1940, and is still a member of that body.

Appointed village attorney, he still continues to serve Haverstraw in this capacity. He is a member of the Rockland County Bar Association, and fraternally is a past exalted ruler of Haverstraw Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the First World War, he enlisted in the navy in 1917, and in the period of his service was a navigator and yeoman aboard the United States Steamship "Pittsburgh," flagship of the Pacific fleet, so continuing until his honorable discharge in 1919. He is a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. During World War II he was connected with the Camp Shanks Exchange at Camp Shanks, New York.

Louis J. Lynch married, April 12, 1921, in Haverstraw, New York, Ethel E. Brown, of Nyack, New York, daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth (Gaynor) Brown. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Alice E., born February 27, 1922, in Nyack, graduated from public schools and high school in Haverstraw and from the School of Nursing of St. Francis' Hospital, Poughkeepsie. She enlisted in the navy as a nurse and was commissioned an ensign. 2. Louis J., Jr., born August 15, 1927, graduated from Haverstraw High School and at the time of writing is at Fordham College, Fordham University.

HON. S. J. CIANCIMINO—In the capacity of public official and business executive, S. J. Ciancimino is one of the well-known citizens of Nyack, Rockland County.

Mayor Ciancimino prepared for his career at the Eagan School of Commerce, Union City, New Jersey, the Chelsea Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, and extension courses at Columbia University, New York City.

With the entrance of the United States into the First World War, he enlisted on May 15, 1917, in the United States Navy and rose to the rank of chief petty officer. He served with the destroyer force and the armed guard and was released from active duty in July, 1919, while attached to the Commandant, Third Naval District. He was admitted to the Federal Civil Service with the Navy Department on August 1, 1919, as departmental head in charge of the United States Navy Investigation and Claims, Fleet Supply Base, Third Naval District. He received his honorable discharge from the United States Navy in December, 1922.

From 1920 to 1923, Mayor Ciancimino was associated with the firm of Herbert B. Lederer, importer of textiles of New York City, as manager of its silk department. Since 1923 he has been a member of the firm of Pastene & Company, importers and packers of food products.

At all times he has taken a constructive interest in civic affairs and the development of his community. His first political office was that of trustee of the village of Nyack, New York. He became mayor in 1942. His administration has been noteworthy for progressiveness and efficient management during the world crisis.

As far back as 1920, Mayor Ciancimino was a member of the Nyack Republican Club and was later made president.

He has been active in the American Legion, is a past commander of the Nyack Post, No. 310, and was elected upon several occasions a delegate to the national conventions of the American Legion. In 1927 he went to Paris, France, as a delegate of New York State. He is ex-captain and ex-vice-president of Orangetown Engine Company No. 1, the oldest fire company in Rockland County. Mayor Ciancimino served for several years as chairman of the Sea Scouts Committee.

Prior to the outbreak of the present conflict, he was adjutant of the Legion Brigade, a preparedness organization. He is a member of the operating committee of the U. S. O. and a member of the Veterans Service Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

His favorite hobby is riding and he enjoys nothing better than mounting a good horse and riding across country.

On June 26, 1936, at Newburgh, New York, S. J. Ciancimino married Ruth McDonald, a native of Schenectady, New York, daughter of James and Lydia McDonald, old residents of New York State, descended from a family of pre-Revolutionary War stock. Mr. and Mrs. Ciancimino are the parents of two children, Stephanie and Sally, both born in Nyack, New York.

GEORGE W. UNSWORTH, M. D.—Of the many in the four New York and New Jersey counties who esteem the life and activities of George William Unsworth, M. D., chief obstetrician of the Good Samaritan Hospital, and physician of Suffern, Rockland County, few know that he achieved heights by his own unaided efforts. He is a noteworthy exemplar of the American way of life that rewards those who make the most of their opportunities, who are courageous under difficult circumstances, at all times being masters of their own destinies.

Dr. Unsworth was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, Great Britain, August 29, 1880, son of George W. and Susan (Wood) Unsworth. The little family migrated to the New World, but shortly afterwards, at the age of six, he and his brother and sister were left orphans. This

handicap in their teen years did not deter their success in later years through their own determined efforts. Dr. Unsworth attended several schools in his earlier years. His scholastic attainments were obtained the hard way—working and studying during leisure hours. Even stenography was self-taught, and while preparing for his professional career its knowledge enabled him to pay his way through the medical school and support his family.

His first professional education was obtained in the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1907. He managed to secure two years of studies in New York University, and two years of medical work in Temple University, Philadelphia, before matriculating at the New York Medical College and Flower Hospital, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1914.

The late Dr. Royal S. Copeland, formerly United States Senator, who was then dean of the New York Medical College and Flower Hospital, persuaded him to begin the practice of medicine in Suffern, where he located in March, 1915.

To Dr. Unsworth graduation from college was a beginning rather than an end of his professional preparation, and he has remained down the years a serious student of medicine and surgery. As already mentioned, he is chief obstetrician of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, a man who has brought many children into the world. He is a former president of the Rockland County Medical Society, and is affiliated with other medical societies. For four years he was a trustee of the village of Suffern. During World War I, he served as a special medical examiner of army officers. He is a member of the Suffern Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, a director of the Lions Club, and attends the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Unsworth's chief hobbies are stamp collecting and antiques; and for outdoor recreation, fishing and nature study are enjoyed. He has written different articles on the philosophical side of medicine and a number have been published anonymously. He possesses a fluent and "earthy" style in speech and writing.

In November, 1902, at Paterson, New Jersey, George W. Unsworth, M. D., married Mary Van Es, daughter of Richard and Catherine Van Es, and sister of the noted surgeon and physician of Newark, New Jersey, now deceased.

Dr. and Mrs. Unsworth are the parents of five daughters: 1. Mabel, wife of Gerald Van Steenburgh, Safety Engineer of Hartford, Connecticut. 2. Catherine, who married Dr. Lawrence Cushman of West Hartford, Connecticut. 3. Marian, wife of Walter L. Gruner, industrial engineer of Wilmington, Delaware. 4. Doris, who married Dr. Edward Dana of Hackensack, New Jersey. 5. Eleanor, wife of Russell Bush, mechanical engineer, of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Dr. Unsworth has six grandchildren.

A. MacARTHUR BARR—For many years A. MacArthur Barr has made a substantial contribution to education in Rockland County, where, since 1941, he has served as supervising principal of the Nanuet Public School. This school is, incidentally, the largest elementary school in Rockland County.

Mr. Barr was born March 22, 1908, in Bayside, Long Island, New York, son of A. M. and Katherine (Reidel) Barr. His father was born in Scotland, but came to America shortly after the turn of the century, and settled in New York. He was a building contractor. He and his wife now reside on Long Island.

Public schools of Bayside and Flushing, Long Island, provided A. MacArthur Barr's early formal education, and after graduation from Flushing High School in 1924, he became a student at the New Paltz Teachers College at New Paltz. There he received his life certificate in 1932. In 1940 he was graduated as a Bachelor of Science from New York University. He is receiving the Master of Arts degree from New York University, and will matriculate at Duke University for his Doctor of Education degree. Meanwhile, from 1924 to 1930, Mr. Barr was associated with the New York brokerage house of H. C. Du Val, serving as order clerk on the New York Stock Exchange. It was in 1933, after he had completed his course in teachers' training, that Mr. Barr began his career of academic service, becoming principal of the Brick Church School, in Monsey. Forming therewith his first connection in the world of education, he headed that school until 1941.

It was in that year that Mr. Barr took his present post as supervising principal of the Nanuet Public School. The under-superintendent is Gilbert Banker, of New City, and a capable staff of teachers carries on the classroom work. In addition to his supervisory and administrative work, Mr. Barr has served as president of the Rockland County Elementary School Principals' Association. He is a member of Athelstane Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Sigma Phi Sigma honorary scholastic fraternity. He also was admitted to Alpha Tau Sigma, Alpha Sigma Omicron, honorary literary society and Epsilon Delta Chi, honorary teaching fraternity, in his student days. He is a member of the Baptist Church. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors, particularly sailing, which is his favorite sport.

On July 14, 1934, at the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City, A. MacArthur Barr married Winifred Elliott, daughter of Fred and Anne (Dodds) Elliott. Mrs. Barr, who is a graduate of the State Normal School at Oneonta, New York, is president of the board of library trustees of Nanuet and is active in civic, social and church affairs here. Mr. and Mrs. Barr became the parents of a son, James Elliott Barr, who was born November 8, 1940, in Monsey.

EDWARD RUSSELL SUFFERN, D. D. S.—For slightly more than four decades, Dr. Edward Russell Suffern has engaged in the practice of dentistry in the Rockland County town that was named after one of his ancestors. He has been almost a lifelong citizen of Suffern, prominent in its affairs and a contributor to the development and welfare of its people. Few men in the community are better known or held in greater esteem.

Dr. Suffern was born at Hillburn, Rockland County, New York, on July 15, 1877, son of James Bogert and Sarah F. (Zabriskie) Suffern, his mother bearing a name of pioneer settlers of northern New Jersey and southeastern New York. James Bogert Suffern, farmer and manufacturer, and former president of the village of Hillburn, was much to the fore in the life of the community, serving it as a member of the school board, and as one of the founders of the Suffern Building & Loan Association, and was especially well-informed concerning the annals of this part of New York and neighboring New Jersey. He was the author of a chapter on the town of Ramapo, published in an early "History of Rockland County."

Great-great-grandfather John Suffern came originally from Antrim, Ireland, to what was then New Antrim, Rockland County. This was prior to the Revolutionary War, and with the customary love of the land, characteristic of his race, he acquired several thousand acres in this section. He built and operated a mill, was a most successful farmer, and ultimately the village was named after him—Suffern.

Dr. Edward Russell Suffern was educated in local and private schools, the Roger and Magee School of Paterson, New Jersey, and the University of Pennsylvania Dental College. Graduated from the latter with the class of 1903, he soon after opened a dental office in Suffern. He has always remained a student of his profession, keeping abreast of the latest developments and methods of dental surgery, and through the years has built up an exceptional clientele. His reputation and services have extended far beyond the bounds of Suffern. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

At Newark, New Jersey, October 20, 1911, Dr. Edward Russell Suffern married Ida Elise Munn, who died June 14, 1943, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Munn of Newark. Dr. and Mrs. Suffern became the parents of two children: 1. Richard Munn, born at Suffern, January 17, 1913; he attended the public schools of Suffern, graduating from the high school in 1930, he graduated from Haverford College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935, Phi Beta Kappa; from Johns Hopkins University, receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1940; and in 1943, from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, a Bachelor of Divinity. 2. Eleanor Zabriskie was born in Suffern, February 6, 1915, and graduated from Suffern School; she received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Wilson College, 1935, and her Master

of Arts degree in Music Education at New York University; she is the wife of the Rev. Howard E. Friebely, who is a native of Philadelphia.

ANTHONY J. KENNEDY—Postmaster Anthony J. Kennedy, of Suffern, Rockland County, has been a resident of this municipality for more than twenty years. He graduated from college in 1919 and after being employed in New York City he came to Suffern in 1921 and later became one of its leading realtors and insurance men.

Born in New York City, June 29, 1897, Mr. Kennedy is the son of John and Alice (Roach) Kennedy, both of whom are now deceased. His father died in 1942, a retired police lieutenant who had served on the New York City police force for thirty-five years. His son, of this record, received his elementary education in the schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from Cathedral High School and College in 1917. He then matriculated at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919. He then took further business courses at the College of the City of New York. His first employment was with a New York City exporting firm with which he remained until 1931. Having removed to Suffern in 1921, he established his own real estate and insurance business here in 1931, that has been continued to the present writing, and is a progressive and able executive and promoter of the best interests of the town.

A Democrat in his political allegiance, he was active in party councils and campaigns. When the Hon. James A. Farley was postmaster general of the United States, Anthony J. Kennedy was appointed on August 15, 1933, acting postmaster of Suffern, being the first such postmaster to be confirmed in that administration on January 15, 1934. Since that date he has served the public efficiently and well. Mr. Kennedy is the present (1943) president of the Suffern Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. His favorite recreation is golf, which he plays as a member of the Houvenkopf Country Club. He attends Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

In May, 1920, at Jersey City, Anthony J. Kennedy married Ethel L. Korb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Korb. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are the parents of three children: Margaret, born at Jersey City, Joan and Barbara, born at Suffern.

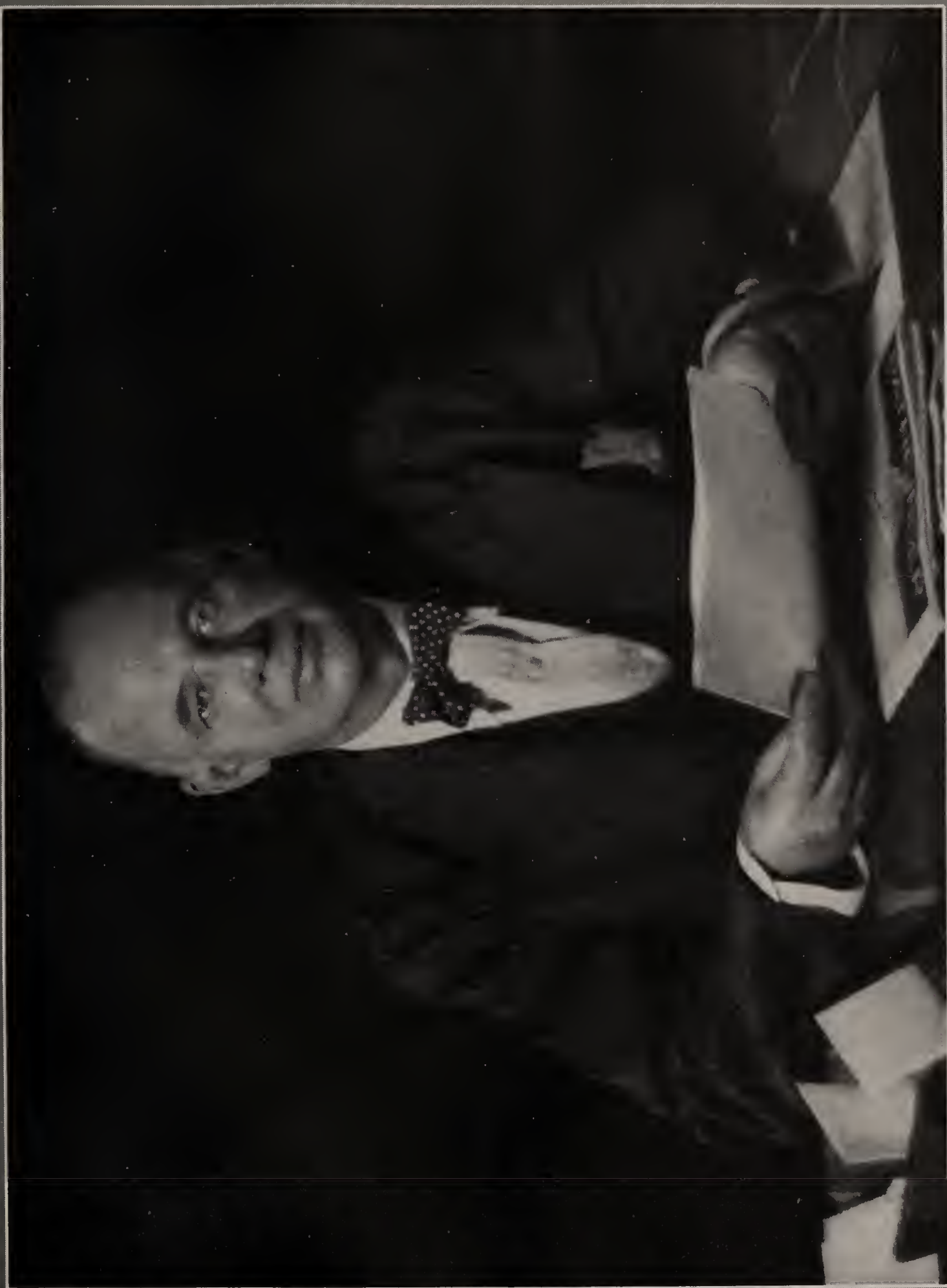
WILLIAM E. MAXFIELD—As a young law school graduate, William E. Maxfield began the practice of his profession in Suffern, Rockland County. After a decade of experience as a corporation lawyer in other parts of New York State, he established himself in Suffern as an attorney. Down the past two decades he has been unceasingly prominent in community life.

Mr. Maxfield was born at Butler, New Jersey, July 9, 1887, son of George E. and Emma (Sutton) Maxfield, both of whom are now deceased. His father, prior to his passing, was for many years superintendent of the American Hard Rubber Company, at Butler, New Jersey. William E. Maxfield obtained his preliminary education in the schools of Butler, New Jersey. Graduated from the Paterson High School in 1905, he entered the law school of New York University, from which he was graduated in 1908, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the New York State bar in 1909, and engaged in a general practice of his profession as a member of the law firm of Harris and Maxfield, to 1914, in Suffern.

From 1914 to 1924 Mr. Maxfield specialized in corporation practice in various parts of northern New York State. Returning to Suffern in 1924 he has since conducted a general practice of his profession. Since 1930, he has been a member of the law firm of Maxfield and Miele. Mr. Maxfield is active in civic, political and social affairs. He is attorney for the Suffern Savings & Loan Association, and likewise for the Suffern National Bank & Trust Company. He is appeal agent for the town of Ramapo Selective Service Board, and attorney for the Home Service Branch of the Red Cross Society. He is a member of the Rockland Bar Association, of the Rotary Club of Suffern, and attends the Episcopal Church.

At Norfolk, New York, William E. Maxfield married Fannie Louise Atwater, daughter of Lucius L. Atwater, a prominent lumber dealer of New York State. Mrs. Maxfield is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, New York, and a Phi Beta Kappa. She shares her husband's political faith and public spirit, and was one of the leaders in the Republican Women's Committee; vice-president of the local chapter of the American Red Cross Society; former member of the Suffern Board of Education, and a past president of the Women's Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Maxfield are the parents of three children: 1. Virginia Atwater, a graduate of Suffern High School and St. Lawrence University, a Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic fraternity; now a lieutenant in the United States Navy, World War II. 2. George E., a graduate of Suffern High School, attended St. Lawrence University for one year, before enlisting in the United States Navy. He is now (1945) an officer in the United States Naval Air Corps. 3. Mary W., a graduate of Suffern High School, and valedictorian of her class, in 1945.

O. JAMES FALOON—Previously engaged in business for himself in the retail field, O. James Faloon in recent years has become associated with his brother, Dalton B., (*q. v.*) in the administration and development



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of the Hammond Paint & Chemical Company, which the latter established at Beacon in 1931. Mr. Faloon holds the offices of vice-president and secretary of the Hammond Paint & Chemical Company, and of the Rose Manufacturing Company; his brother is president and treasurer of both firms. Largely responsible for the great progress made by the chemical manufacturing company here, Mr. Faloon has become well known to business associates throughout this district. He has not been interested in politics, preferring the general good of the community to that of any partisan group. He is affiliated with local social and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Faloon was born on August 29, 1903, at Du Bois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, son of O. James and Mary (Boyles) Faloon. His father, who was connected with the railroad industry, was a native of Red Bank, New Jersey; he died in 1932.

As a boy, O. James Faloon attended the public schools of his native district, receiving there the customary preparatory education. He then matriculated at the Pennsylvania State College, completed the technical curriculum there, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science at the 1925 commencement.

Before becoming associated with the manufacturing interests which now claim his attention, Mr. Faloon was in business as a furniture dealer and as an insurance broker. He left these enterprises in order to become associated with his brother in the establishment of the Hammond Paint & Chemical Company, and of the Rose Manufacturing Company. These firms are engaged in the production and distribution of paints and chemicals; the largest item in the latter field is insecticide, which is produced by this company in great quantity.

The work of the Hammond Paint & Chemical Company is done by sixty-five employees, who work in a large, modern plant, occupying one hundred and fifty thousand feet of floor space. Adequate equipment of all kinds has been provided for these workers, and a program of group insurance is carried on by the management. During normal world conditions, the firm distributes its products throughout the world.

Mr. Faloon, who holds the offices of vice-president and secretary in both the Hammond Paint & Chemical Company and the Rose Manufacturing Company, has played a significant part in their expansion. He is familiar here not only among a wide circle of business acquaintances, but also to the general citizenry of the city; his social affiliations include membership in Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; and the Southern Dutchess Country Club.

In 1937, O. James Faloon was married to S. Ruth Crooks. They are communicants of the Methodist Church here, and are active together in community affairs.

ROBERT R. OELKER—As a young man, Robert R. Oelker decided to make a career of funeral directing, and after exceptional technical education and experience, has been identified prominently with his profession and business for the past dozen years in Brewster, Putnam County. Over this same period he has entered more and more the varied phases of local life and is one of the important citizens of this section of southeastern New York.

It is from the Middle West that Mr. Oelker came originally, for he was born at Urbana, Ohio, June 5, 1907, son of William C. and Sarah A. (Walker) Oelker, both long residents of that city. A brother, Dr. D. W. Oelker is a well-known physician of Memphis, Tennessee. After completing his formal education in the elementary and high schools of his birth city, Robert R. Oelker attended the Springfield Business College. In preparation for his profession he matriculated at the Cincinnati College of Embalming, at Cincinnati, Ohio. After receiving his diploma, he was a funeral director for some years prior to coming to Brewster, New York, on January 1, 1932, where he organized Oelker & Cox, funeral directors, in association with A. Wendell Cox. After several years they extended the business of the firm to Mount Kisco, New York, on June 1, 1936, and the years have brought increasing reputation.

Mr. Oelker is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the New York State Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mount Kisco Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1552, and is actively connected with many local movements and organizations.

On November 20, 1932, at Brewster, New York, Robert R. Oelker married Grace Bullock, born in this town, daughter of Herbert E. and Mary (Brooks) Bullock. Mrs. Oelker is a graduate of Brewster High School and of Eastman-Gaines Business College, in New York City. She is active in the work of the Red Cross, serving as treasurer of the District Nursing Association, and is also prominent in church work.

A. WENDELL COX—A native of the Middle West and educated there, A. Wendell Cox entered the funeral directing business and, after experience in the deep South and northern New Jersey, continued his work in Putnam County, New York. He was born at Sullivan, Indiana, October 24, 1905, son of Guy Everett and Mary (Bedell) Cox. The mother is deceased; Guy Everett Cox, also a native of Indiana, is living.

A. Wendell Cox attended the public schools of his birthplace, and after being graduated from high school, entered the Cincinnati College of Embalming and has since followed his profession with eminent success. At first he was associated with a funeral directing firm in St. Petersburg, Florida, leaving to go to Newark, New

Jersey. In January of 1932, the firm of Oelker & Cox, a partnership, was organized, with Mr. Cox assuming charge, two years later, of the Mount Kisco division of the funeral homes of the concern. Since 1934 he has been a resident of this area of Putnam County.

Keeping always in close touch with men and organizations active in his field of endeavor, Mr. Cox is a member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 1552, at Mount Kisco, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

A. Wendell Cox married Mary Powers of Newark, New Jersey, daughter of David and Lucy (Byrne) Powers, and they are the parents of a daughter, Phyllis May, born January 12, 1936.

GEORGE ROBERT BARTLETT—Conducting a general practice of law in Walden, George Robert Bartlett is one of the community's leading citizens.

Mr. Bartlett was born July 14, 1900, in Orange, New Jersey, son of William and Mary (Hay) Bartlett. His father was for years a successful merchant in Orange. Both parents are now deceased.

George Robert Bartlett attended public schools in Orange, New Jersey, and Walden, New York, then had a pre-law course at Syracuse University. He was a student at the Albany Law School, Union University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1923. Admitted to the bar of this State in that year, Mr. Bartlett began his practice of law in Walden. He has carried on a general law practice since that time, and has been admitted to all courts, including the federal and southern district courts. He is a member of the Orange County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Bartlett is prominent in the banking and financial life of his city. He is a director of the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Walden, and of the Wallkill National Bank. He served in the American Expeditionary Forces as a private during the World War period of 1917-18, and afterward became a member of the American Legion, in which he is a past commander of his post and past judge advocate of the State of New York. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a trustee of his lodge. He is a deacon in the First Reformed Church of Walden.

In 1922, in Walden, New York, George Robert Bartlett married Elizabeth Ward. They became the parents of two children: 1. George Robert, Jr., born in 1927. 2. Walter Ward, born in 1932.

PAUL WILLIAM FREEMAN, D. D. S.—Although relatively a recent practitioner of dentistry in Mahopac and Brewster, Putnam County, Dr. Paul William Freeman has built up so demanding a clientele that

he has given up his offices in New York City and since has confined his activities to the county. He is a native of East Orange, New Jersey, born November 18, 1906, son of Matthew and Eleanor (Fenton) Freeman.

After attending local grammar school and being graduated from the Bloomfield (New Jersey) High School, class of 1924, he matriculated at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1929. Dr. Freeman studied the technical features of his profession at the Mechanical College of Virginia, the Atlanta Southern Dental School, and the College of Dentistry, New York City, and was dental externe in Fordham Hospital. After being active in dentistry in Newark, New Jersey, from 1932 to 1933, and in New York City and Jamaica, Long Island, for a few years, he opened an office in Mahopac, Putnam County, in 1940. Four years later he gave up his metropolitan practice, and since 1944 he has continued his work in Mahopac and Brewster. He is a member of the staff of the Mahopac Hospital; his professional fraternities are Alpha Omega and Omicron Alpha Tau. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is increasingly active in community life and affairs.

In 1930, at Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Paul W. Freeman married Gladys Seguin, and they are the parents of two children, Barbara and George.

JOSEPH A. FENNIGER—A resident of Mahopac since 1928, Joseph A. Fenniger is highly esteemed here as organizer of the Lake Secor development. He also operates his own plumbing and steamfitting business, in which he has performed valuable services in this community.

Mr. Fenniger was born August 1, 1890, in New York City, son of Anthony and Caroline Fenniger. His father, long a successful merchant in the Bronx, New York City, is now deceased.

New York City public schools furnished Joseph A. Fenniger's early education through the high school grades, and he later had engineering courses at New York University. At the age of eighteen years he served an apprenticeship in the plumbing and steamfitting trade in New York, having been associated during that period with Francis McNamara. For three or four years afterward he was with the Fentzlaff Engineering Company there. It was in 1913 that he established his own independent plumbing and heating business in New York. Coming to Mahopac in 1928, he formed the Lake Secor organization here. This development has proven a highly successful one, and has attracted wide attention. Continuing also his own independent plumbing and heating business here, he is widely and favorably known in the community and has rendered useful service to its people and institutions.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Fenniger is a member of the Putnam County Kiwanis Club, and he

has also a number of fraternal associations. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, having for a quarter of a century been affiliated with Bronx lodge. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a member of George Washington Lodge, in New York City. Mr. Fenniger is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. In leisure moments he enjoys a game of golf and is fond of outdoor life.

In New York City in October, 1913, Joseph A. Fenniger married Margaret Seitz, who was born in the Bronx, New York, daughter of George Seitz. Mr. and Mrs. Fenniger became the parents of the following children: 1. Joseph A., Jr., born in New York City, attended schools there, including Fordham Preparatory School, and entered the service of the country during the Second World War, serving in the airplane engine mechanics' unit of the army; he married Tullia Forsatti, of Scarsdale, daughter of Romolo Forsatti; she was a teacher in Mahopac before their marriage. 2. Robert, attended public schools and was graduated from Mahopac High School, and is associated in business with his father at the time of writing.

FRANCIS R. TRAVIS—For many years active in the plumbing and heating business in Wappingers Falls, Francis R. Travis is vice-president of the Shaker, Travis & Quinn Corporation.

Mr. Travis was born in 1896 in Poughkeepsie, New York, son of Robert T. and Elizabeth Travis. His parents are both now deceased. His father was formerly engaged in the livery business in Poughkeepsie until his passing.

Poughkeepsie public schools provided Francis R. Travis' early formal education through the high school grades. In young manhood he became engaged in the plumbing and heating business in Poughkeepsie, so continuing until 1921. In that year he became a member of the Shaker, Travis & Quinn Corporation, which is the largest enterprise of its kind in Dutchess County. Mr. Travis, as vice-president of the company, is in full charge of the Wappingers Falls branch of the organization. The corporation is headed by Thomas Shaker as president, and the secretary-treasurer is Paul Quinn.

Since 1936 Mr. Travis has been president of the Wappingers Falls National Bank. He is a member of the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus, and belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1931, in Wappingers Falls, New York, Francis R. Travis married Mary A. Corcoran. They became the parents of four children: 1. Francis R., Jr., born in 1933. 2. Gerald J., born in 1934. 3. Edward T., born in 1936. 4. Richard, born in 1938.

PAUL QUINN—For a period of twenty-two years, Paul Quinn has been an associate in the plumbing and heating firm of Shaker, Travis & Quinn at Pough-

keepsie, which is the largest concern of its kind in Dutchess County, and has become synonymous there with the finest grades of service. Associated with the plumbing and heating business throughout his adult career, Mr. Quinn has, since joining the firm of which he remains a member at the present time, held the position of secretary and treasurer of Shaker, Travis & Quinn. The other officers of this corporation are: president, Thomas Shaker, and vice-president, Francis R. Travis. In addition to his business here, Mr. Quinn is a member of several local social and fraternal organizations, and is well known throughout Poughkeepsie and its environs.

Mr. Quinn was born at Poughkeepsie on April 16, 1897, son of John J. and Anna McNamara Quinn, both now deceased. His father was a teamster by trade, engaging in that business throughout his lifetime. Paul Quinn grew up at Poughkeepsie, attended the public grammar and high schools here, and received in them the customary general education.

Since completing his academic studies, Mr. Quinn has been associated with the plumbing and heating trade. He became associated with Thomas Shaker and Francis R. Travis in 1921, in the firm of Shaker, Travis & Quinn, and has continued in this connection to the present time.

Among his activities at Poughkeepsie in addition to his business duties, Mr. Quinn holds membership in the volunteer fire department. He is a member of the local organization of the Knights of Columbus.

In 1931, at Poughkeepsie, Paul Quinn was married to Helen Klump. They are communicants of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church here, and are active together in the social and civic affairs of their home community. They are the parents of three children: 1. John, age ten years. 2. Helen Ann, age eight years. 3. Paul, Jr., age three years.

WILLIAM M. PECK—Like many another successful man, William M. Peck achieved a career that progressed along relatively straight lines. After completing his formal education he became a salesman, and after some years of experience started his own commercial business in Pine Plains, Dutchess County, and built this to substantial proportions. During these years of hard work and getting established he took the time and opportunity to enjoy life and to enter into a wide variety of personal and public activities.

He was born in Wappingers Falls, in the southern part of Dutchess County, New York, October 26, 1896, son of Robert K. and Catherine (Secore) Peck, his father being a foreman in the Dutchess Bleachery, at Wappingers Falls. After attending the grade and high schools of his birthplace, William M. Peck set out to make his own livelihood. His first employment was with a grocery store, and later he sold a wide variety of products. Salesmanship is one of the most exacting of professions, requiring the best that any man has in him. It

is characteristic of Mr. Peck that not until he had won his spurs in the hard game of competition with other men, did he decide to go into business for himself. In 1922 he settled in Pine Plains, in the northern section of Dutchess County, where he purchased a small grocery store. He had an idea that there was need for just the kind of establishment that he could operate, and he enlisted all that he had learned in the promotion of this enterprise. He never has been a specialist but one who catered to the ordinary requirements of people. His business has been continuously enlarged and improved until it is one of the best of its kind in northern Dutchess County, modern in every respect.

As indicated, the interests of Mr. Peck are many. He is a Republican in party allegiance, and is supervisor of the Pine Plains district. He is likewise chairman of the board of fire commissioners and a member of the Pine Plains Hose Company. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons of Pine Plains, and is a Past Master of his lodge; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, both of Pine Plains; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Poughkeepsie. He belongs to the Pine Plains Sportsmen's Association, and is deputy director of civilian defense. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church, which he serves as treasurer. Hunting and fishing are favorite recreations, but it has been said of him that his hobby is the furtherance of the careers of his two very capable children.

In 1918, at Green Haven, New York, William M. Peck married Mabel Brill, daughter of Richard Brill, who is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are the parents of two children: 1. Richard, born October 19, 1919, a graduate of the grade and high schools of Pine Plains, and of Syracuse University, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; now serving in the United States Army Coast Artillery with the rank of lieutenant. 2. Jean, born March 16, 1923, a graduate of the grade and high schools of Pine Plains, now an undergraduate at Syracuse University.

WILLIAM E. CONKLIN—Three generations of the Conklin family have been identified with the professions in Dutchess County. The first two were physicians; William E. Conklin, of this record, is a graduate civil engineer.

Mr. Conklin was born at Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, July 24, 1877, son of Dr. William J. and Barbraetta Elting (Walcott) Conklin, and the grandson of Peter Elting Conklin, a noted physician who served his country well during the War Between the States. No doubt he is a descendant from that John Conklin who was granted land at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1640, since the trend of the descendants was south into Connecticut and Long Island, with many of the name settling in northern

New Jersey and southern New York, prior to a migration to the new territory of northern New York and the Middle West. Without regard to the past, it is of record that Peter Elting Conklin (grandfather), was a Civil War surgeon, and Dr. William J. Conklin (father) was a highly respected and beloved physician of Fishkill, who died in 1921. His wife survived him to 1935.

William E. Conklin was encouraged to obtain a good education and was not influenced by his parents in regard to the choice of a profession. He attended the local schools of his birthplace, was prepared for higher learning in Cazenovia Seminary, and matriculated at Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900, with a degree in Civil Engineering. Mr. Conklin began the practice of his profession as an engineer in the changing over and the construction of electrically powered rapid transit lines. This was a relatively new industry, for there were many people who still did not believe that electric power could supplant the horse drawn car in practical service. Some foresighted capitalists thought differently and William E. Conklin was convinced of the future of the trolley system, and applied his endeavors to this end. After experience in America, he accepted a job in Manila, in the Philippine Islands, where he helped to install electric lighting and street railways. His connection at the time was with the firm of J. G. White & Company, and he remained in the Orient for about four and a half years. His trip to and from the Far East permitted brief stop-overs in a great many of the places which have figured prominently in World War II, including Honolulu, several Japanese and Chinese cities, Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Cairo, as well as the prominent cities of Italy, France and England.

After his return, several years were devoted to contract work in constructing a section of the Catskill Aqueduct for New York City. Then several years were spent on the headquarters of the engineering staff of the New York State Highway Department.

In 1920 he assumed the management of the gas, electric and trolley properties serving Beacon and vicinity, in which he and his father had a very large interest. After these properties were merged with Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation properties he remained with that company for a few years. In 1929 he retired and spent several months in Europe with Mrs. Conklin.

In private life and as a civilian, Mr. Conklin has been the treasurer of Fishkill Village for the past decade. He is secretary and a trustee of the Beacon Savings Bank. Fraternally he is a Mason, affiliated with all the higher bodies of the Chapter and Commandery including Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1910, William E. Conklin married Bertha A. Robe, of Albany, New York.

GEORGE S. WRITER, Jr.—One of the noteworthy group of younger professional men of Nyack, Rockland County, George S. Writer, Jr., has come rapidly to the fore as a lawyer, holder of public office and leader in community and civic affairs. He is a native of Nyack, born October 14, 1909, son of Dr. George S. Writer, Sr., and the former Ida Mae Conklin.

The older man, a dental surgeon, born at Otisville, New York, came to Nyack to practice his profession at the beginning of the present century and has since been identified prominently with many phases of its affairs. Dr. Writer was formerly president of the Nyack Rotary Club, past president of the Ninth District Dental Society, chief of the staff of the Rabelle Dental Clinic of the Nyack Hospital; member of the New York State Dental Association, and a life member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

George S. Writer, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Nyack, Pennington Preparatory School, Pennington, New Jersey, where incidentally his grandfather, Elkana Conklin, also studied; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where Mr. Writer, Jr., received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with the class of 1932; and after three years of law in Columbia University, New York City, transferred to St. John's University School of Law, from which he was graduated in 1936, a Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the New York Bar in June, 1937, but already had become associated with the Nyack law office of Harold MacCartney, a connection that was not broken until January 1, 1943, since when he has practiced without partners.

George S. Writer, Jr., is acting police judge of the village of Nyack, attorney for the town of Orangetown; is a member of the Rockland County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the New York Magistrates Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Rockland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Nyack. His professional fraternity is Zeta Psi. His recreations include golf and tennis. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church.

At Nyack, New York, on December 15, 1937, George S. Writer, Jr., married Gwendolyn Olcott, a graduate of Sweet Briar College, class of 1930, and attended Dwight School in Englewood, New Jersey. Mrs. Writer, Jr., takes an active part in Nyack civic affairs, and is one of the founders and first president of the Young Woman's Republican Club. Mr. and Mrs. Writer, Jr., are the parents of two daughters: Pamela and Penelope.

HORATIO W. NELSON, Jr.—Like many of the present residents of Dutchess County, Horatio W. Nelson, Jr., native and lifelong citizen of the Poughkeepsie region, has never found it necessary to seek opportunity in some other section of the State or country. Since boyhood he has been associated with the insurance business, mainly

as one of the three officials of Vail & Sutton, Inc. He likewise is a widely known and successful horticulturalist, directing the operations of his large estate with its many fruit trees. In both the fields of insurance and fruit growing he is an authority of established reputation.

Mr. Nelson, Jr., was born in Poughkeepsie, on May 10, 1885, son of H. W. and Emma (Leffingwell) Nelson, his father being a contractor. The boy was educated in the grade and high schools of his birthplace, and was still but a youth when he began seeking a livelihood as an agent with the Dutchess County Fire Insurance Company, later absorbed by what is now Vail & Sutton, Inc., which boasts that it has served five generations of Dutchess County families.

Both Edmund Vail, the founder, and his partner of later years, Franklin Sutton, are deceased. Vail started an insurance business in Verbank, central Dutchess County, in 1845, with his home as his office. By 1867 this enterprise had grown so large that he was compelled to move into Poughkeepsie and take in his son, Lewis H. Vail as a partner, functioning under the trade title, Vail & Son. When Franklin Sutton entered the firm, it was Vail & Sutton, and when in 1890, Alonzo Vail purchased an interest, the concern was called Vail, Sutton & Vail. On May 1, 1913, the firm was dissolved by mutual agreement, with Lewis H. Vail and Franklin Sutton carrying it on as Vail & Sutton. Since September 1, 1913, the business has been incorporated. At this time Frank L. Gardner, Sr., and Horatio W. Nelson, Jr., became members of the corporation. Frank L. Gardner, Jr., was admitted in 1937. Started in 1845 as solely a fire insurance business, other types of insurance have been added from time to time, until the firm sells all kinds of insurance coverage, except life—fire, casualty, bonding, and allied lines.

Mr. Nelson, Jr., is a director of the Bacu Ice Manufacturing & Cold Storage Company, Inc., in Poughkeepsie, and is personally a large user of its facilities and products. A part of this develops from the fact that he has a four hundred and fifty acre farm that specializes in fruit growing, which at times requires large storage space. Fruit growing, it may be necessary to explain, is done successfully only by an expert who combines wide knowledge of horticulture with experience in growing. Mr. Nelson, Jr., is highly rated as an expert. In politics, he is a Republican without being an office seeker. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a director of the Poughkeepsie Young Men's Christian Association. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church, at Hyde Park, of which he has been an elder for several years.

At Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1914, Horatio W. Nelson, Jr., married Florence E. Todd, daughter of Carl and Murrey Estelle (Rymph) Todd, and they have two children: 1. Elmer T., born in 1919; a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School, and of Colgate University, class of 1941, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is

now an instructor in aviation at Bennett Field, South Carolina, with the United States Army Air Corps. 2. Virginia Lucy, born in 1923, a graduate of Roosevelt High School, at Hyde Park; attended Syracuse University, at Syracuse, and is now an undergraduate at LaSalle Junior College, Auburndale, Massachusetts.

TREVALYN WALDEMERE OMSTEAD, M. D.

—Since 1931, Dr. Trevalyn Waldemere Omstead has been county physician of Rockland County, and a specialist in internal medicine with offices in Pearl River, where he also makes his home. His career has the unusually noteworthy background of training and experience as an educator, a degree in chemical engineering, and practice of his specialty.

Dr. Omstead was born at Hamilton, Indiana, August, 22, 1899, son of Harvey and Minnie (Dewire) Omstead, both of whom are still citizens of Hamilton. His father, a native of Indiana, has long been interested in agriculture. Reared on the family farm and starting his education in local grade schools, Dr. Omstead was graduated from the Hamilton High School in 1917, and for a scholastic year taught a country school. Ambitious for higher education, and willing to work for it, he entered the Tri-State College of Engineers, Angola, Indiana, from which he was graduated with the class of 1921, a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. While at the Angola institution he was in the students auxiliary training corps, during a part of the First World War period. Later he matriculated at Indiana University, where, in June, 1928, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. That same year he became an interne in the Hackensack, New Jersey, Hospital, and from 1929 to 1931, was associated with Dr. George M. Levitas, of Westwood, New Jersey.

As mentioned, Dr. Omstead came to Pearl River, New York, in 1931 and since then has been school physician, a specialist in internal medicine and an authority on allergies. He is a member of the staffs of the Flower Hospital, New York City, and the Nyack Hospital and has been local school physician for eleven years. In December, 1943, he closed his practice in Pearl River and on January 1, 1944, entered Metropolitan Hospital in New York City for a year's residency and intensive study. On March 23, 1943, he was commissioned a captain in the United States Army. He spent six weeks at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and graduated in the 51st Officers Training Battalion, then was sent to the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for about five weeks. He was later assigned to William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, where he has charge of the allergic service. His professional memberships include those in the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, and the Rockland County Medical Association. He belongs to the American Legion, is a charter member of the Pearl River Rotary Club,

and is a former president of the Sun Dial Garden Club of Pearl River. He long has been interested and active in the Boy Scouts organization and lends his aid to local civic and humanitarian movements. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1929, Dr. Trevalyn Waldemere Omstead married Katherine Benson, daughter of Harry and Minnie (Clark) Benson. Dr. and Mrs. Omstead have two sons: 1. Drake Edward, born at Hackensack, New Jersey, Hospital, October 25, 1931. 2. Harvey Lee, born February 16, 1933, at Nyack Hospital. Mrs. Omstead serves as president of the Pearl River Women's Club and of the Parent Teachers Association.

ARCHIBALD STONE—Member of a family long established in New York State, Archibald Stone, of Newburgh, has personally been identified with two of the oldest Hudson River Valley enterprises, agriculture and the sale of ice. He entered the ice business as it was changing from the shipment of large quantities of natural ice to New York City, to the manufacture of this product for more than local distribution. After the example and tradition of his family he has operated two large farms for a number of years, besides engaging in other lines of business.

Mr. Stone was born in Broome County, New York, son of Winfield Scott and Anna B. (Terrell) Stone, both natives of this county. The line of descent goes back to Colonial times, and Archibald Stone is eligible by reason of ancestry to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, and other patriotic and genealogical societies. Winfield Scott Stone was a farmer, a lumberman, and a veteran of the Union Army during the War Between the States. He served chiefly in infantry regiments from New York State, but also was a scout, and was wounded several times in action. Archibald Stone acquired a thorough education, being a graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, class of 1904, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. With this background and preparation he entered farming on a scientific basis and is one of the recognized authorities in his section of Orange County on many forms of agriculture and horticulture. He is particularly well informed on the distribution of farm products, especially in the metropolitan markets.

In 1919, Archibald Stone purchased the Brookside Ice Company. This was a concern that dated back to the turn of the century. It was founded by two brothers, T. N. and S. L. Stewart, and at that time shipped natural ice down the Hudson River to New York City. One of the sights of those days was the long tows of ice barges, with their familiar windmills, slowly being taken down stream. The making of artificial ice in small and large plants displaced the use of natural ice, and Mr. Stone has been engaged in the operation of his own ice plant. He likewise is interested in cold storage, is the local rep-





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representative for Pepsi-Cola, and maintains a thoroughly modern gasoline, oil and automobile supplies station. Ever ready to invest in enterprises which were promising, he is financially connected with other companies. While in college he became a member of the Alpha Zeta Tau fraternity, and is a popular figure in the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

In 1909, Archibald Stone married Anna B. Schneider, and they are the parents of six children: 1. Archibald, Jr., graduate of the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. 2. Elizabeth. 3. Gerry, graduate of Cornell University. 4. Robert, a graduate of Cornell University, now serving in the United States Army. 5. Alan, attended Cornell University, now serving in the United States Army. 6. Barbara, a graduate of Newburgh High School.

JACOB LANGSCHUR—In Thiells, Rockland County, the name Langschur has been associated with its business and civic life for just a few years short of a half century. The well and favorably known Langschur Roofing Company, the enterprise founded by Jacob Langschur, is relatively young, having been started more than a quarter of a century ago, but nevertheless is one of the oldest firms in the community.

Jacob Langschur was born in New York City, January 27, 1879, son of Nathan and Mina (Bleyer) Langschur, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in a Brooklyn cemetery. The father was a successful manufacturer of boys' shirtwaists in New York for twenty-five years before he retired and moved to Thiells, Rockland County, in 1897. His son of this record, had already completed his education in New York City schools, and was hardly started upon his business career when the United States became involved in war with Spain over incidents in Cuba, and Jacob Langschur launched upon the great military adventure of his life. He enlisted in Company C, of a battalion of engineers, and unlike many of the youth of that period participated in campaigns of the Spanish-American War. For three and a half years he was in the United States Army, for nearly half of that time in the Philippine Islands, for eight months stationed on the now famous Bataan Peninsula, Bataan Province, outside Manila.

When Mr. Langschur returned to Thiells, it was to make this place his home and seat of his enterprises. Chief among these is the Langschur Roofing Company, wholesale and retail dealers in roofing materials, equipped to furnish roofing and sheet metal work of all descriptions. It is an outstanding concern in its field of operations, and has been so for years. Jacob Langschur is also a director of the National Bank of Haverstraw and Trust Company, of Haverstraw, and financially interested in other companies. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Stony Point Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of Haverstraw, and the Benevolent and Protective Order

of Elks, of the same city. He long has been a member of the United Spanish-American War Veterans. If he has a hobby, it is travel, and he has journeyed around the world renewing his acquaintance with the Orient.

Jacob Langschur married (first), in 1904, Laura G. Bedford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bedford, who died in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Langschur were the parents of two children: 1. Ina May, born in 1906, who received her education in the grade schools of Thiells, Haverstraw High School, Teachers College, at Albany, from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and Columbia University, with the degree of Master of Arts; now a teacher in Haverstraw schools. 2. Jacob Langschur, Jr., born in 1909; a graduate of Thiells grade schools, Haverstraw High School, and Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He married Gladys A. Perkins, of Rochester, New York. Prior to his enlistment in the United States Army for World War II service, he was associated in business with his father; he is now in England.

Jacob Langschur married (second), in 1920, Mary A. Gibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gibbs of Ohio. By her previous marriage, Mrs. Langschur has a daughter, Anna Gibbs, a graduate of Haverstraw High School and the New York School of Art. She then entered New York University, where she received the degree of Master of Arts. Miss Gibbs has studied in Europe and Mexico, has taught art in numerous cities and colleges throughout the country, and is now assistant professor of art at Northwestern University.

ROSWELL P. BLAUVELT—It is with a broad background of business and civic experience that Roswell P. Blauvelt has come to his present post as chairman of the board of supervisors of Rockland County.

Mr. Blauvelt was born May 26, 1885, in New City, New York, son of Charles E. and Harriet E. (Brower) Blauvelt, the former of whom is now deceased. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1887, when Roswell P. Blauvelt was only two years of age. The mother, who was born in 1860, still has her residence in New City, the place of her birth.

Public schools of New City provided Roswell P. Blauvelt's early formal education. When he was fourteen years of age, he obtained employment on a farm in this vicinity, remaining with William Kirkman until he was seventeen. Afterward, for fourteen years, between 1902 and 1916, he did clerical work with the J. E. Vanderbilt Coal & Lumber Company, in New City. In 1916 he became associated with his brother, the late Raymond Blauvelt, who conducted a successful garage and automobile business here, so continuing until 1920. Afterward, until 1925, Roswell P. Blauvelt was associated with Chester Hutton, of Nanuet, New York, who conducted a general store.

Turning his attention to public affairs, Mr. Blauvelt was appointed New City's postmaster in 1925, and he held that position thereafter until 1935. In 1936 he was elected supervisor of the township of Clarkstown, in Rockland County, and he still continues in this position. Since 1937 he has been chairman of the board of supervisors of the county. He has also served since 1925 as treasurer of the New City Fire Company. In spare time he is fond of working with the local fire-fighting organization, of which he has been a member since 1907.

Mr. Blauvelt is also an honorary member of the Rockland County Police Association, a member of the West Nyack Republican Club and the Nanuet Republican Club and a past president of the Rockland County Republican Club. He has been affiliated with Naurashank Lodge, No. 939, of Pearl River, since 1919, and with the Foresters of America since 1913. He is a member of the New City Business Men's Association and the New City Lions Club, as well as of the Haverstraw Yacht Club and the Association of Blauvelt Descendants, in which he is chairman of the audit committee. Since 1927 Mr. Blauvelt has been a vestryman of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, and he has served as clerk of the vestry since 1933 and also as a warden of the church. A man of scholarly nature, he has made a special study of the history of the Blauvelt family. In leisure moments he enjoys outdoor life, particularly gardening.

In New City, New York, October 26, 1908, Roswell P. Blauvelt married Mabel A. Seeger, of this place, daughter of John and Katherine (Kirkman) Seeger, residents of long standing here. Mrs. Blauvelt is a member of the New City Fire Department's auxiliary organization, and is vice-president of the Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church and a member of the Lady Foresters. Mr. and Mrs. Blauvelt became the parents of a son, Rosmond E. Blauvelt, born January 29, 1913, in New City, attended public schools, graduated from Pearl River High School in 1929, studied at the Ryan School of Aeronautics, San Diego, California, where he was graduated with honors, being awarded a gold medal for precision and excellence of achievement. He did considerable flying as a civilian from his high school days onward, and developed his own flying school at New City Airport. His was the distinction, too, of being the first pilot to fly airmail from New City to Newark to make connections with the major air routes there. He enlisted, in 1942, in the United States Army Air Corps for service in the Second World War, and at the time of writing is squadron commander, stationed at the Ryan School of Aeronautics, in California. Rosmond E. Blauvelt married, in May, 1939, Dorothy Slater, of Hillsdale, New Jersey, and they became the parents of a daughter, Penny Claire Blauvelt, who was born August 17, 1942, and a son, Timothy William, born July 16, 1944.

WILLIAM HENRY MANDREY, Ph. D.—Educator and humanitarian, Dr. William Henry Mandrey has attained prominence in both fields of endeavor in the East. Early in his distinguished career he was an executive and administrator of school affairs in Connecticut; for the past decade he has been the director of Five Points House in Pomona, Rockland County. At all times in his mature years he has been constantly to the fore in public and civic projects, working always for the best interests of the communities in which he lived or labored.

Dr. Mandrey was born in New York City, on August 27, 1893, son of William Wallace and Matilda (Musculus) Mandrey. He attended various schools in preparation for higher education, and entered Amherst College, from which he was graduated in 1915. Later, 1932, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Yale University. In the autumn of 1915, Dr. Mandrey became the principal of the grammar schools at Warehouse Point, Connecticut, remaining until 1918 when he was named supervisor in the Connecticut State Department of Education. A great deal of his most constructive work as an educator was packed into a decade of service in this office, and led to even larger opportunities.

From 1929 to 1931, Dr. Mandrey was the associate director of New Haven College, of which he was director during 1931-32. As already indicated, he acquired his Doctorate in Philosophy from Yale University, in the latter-named year, and from 1932 to 1934 he was president of Arnold College, New Haven, Connecticut. Since 1935, Dr. Mandrey has been identified with the well-known Five Points House of New York City and Pomona. He is the efficient director, the originator of many of its policies, and methods of service, the right man in the right place. His metropolitan headquarters are at No. 454 West Thirty-third Street, New York City.

Dr. Mandrey has been, and continues to be, associated with many forward-looking projects and important groups. In the section where he makes his home, he is a member of the executive committee of the Rockland County War Council; executive chairman of the civilian war service, Rockland County; member of the executive committee of the welfare council; and several other present-day organizations. Along professional and personal affiliations, Dr. Mandrey is a member of the National Education Association, the Connecticut Teachers Association, the Association for Children's Institutions of New York (member of the executive committee). He is a Phi Beta Kappa, belongs to the Sigma Delta Rho fraternity; and is a member of the October Conference, an honorary educational organization of New England. Dr. Mandrey is the compiler with Anne L. Curtis, of "The Friendly Poets," published in 1921. He worships in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

On December 19, 1915, Dr. William Henry Mandrey married Lillian Westenhofer, and they are the parents

of five children: Jeanette Leone, Robert William (deceased), Althea May, Richard Earl, and Janice Olive Mandrey.

BERTIS L. FOLEY—Town clerk of Haverstraw, Rockland County, Bertis L. Foley has a notable ancestral background and fine record of personal achievements in this community. He was born in New York City, January 25, 1898, son of John K. and Alice (Logan) Foley and the grandson of Daniel J. Foley, of New York City.

Grandfather Daniel J. Foley over a long period was an outstanding architect and naval engineer in the employ of New York City. He organized the plans and ideas that were the bases on which the Hudson Tunnel was built, and he drew the plans for the New York City Court House. His son, John K. Foley, father of the subject of this review, was an engineer by trade, an expert in his vocation, and for years was associated with the American Bank Note Company, of national fame.

Just before the turn of the century, the parents of Bertis L. Foley moved to Pomona, Rockland County, and their son was educated in the public school, District No. 10 New Hempstead, and Spring Valley High School. In 1915, he located in Haverstraw and from 1917 to 1923 he operated a trucking and transportation business in the community. From 1923 to 1940 he was connected with the Haverstraw Laundry Company. On March 4, 1940, Bertis L. Foley was appointed town clerk of Haverstraw, succeeding Christopher Geoghegan, who died in that year. Since that time he has been elected to this office in which he has been doing most constructive and effective work.

Town Clerk Foley is popular and prominent in local life and affairs. He is a member of the Haverstraw Rotary Club, is treasurer of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, of the town, and fraternally is affiliated with the Haverstraw Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. He attends St. Peter's Catholic Church.

At Haverstraw, New York, on June 17, 1917, Bertis L. Foley married M. Adelaide Butler, daughter of David and Ellen (Maguire) Butler. The Butler family has long been associated with the brick manufacturing industry at Haverstraw. Mr. and Mrs. Foley are the parents of four children: 1. Dorothy, born August 24, 1919, a graduate of the parochial schools of Haverstraw; she married Leslie Miller, a druggist of Haverstraw, and is the mother of two children: Nancy and Alfred E. Miller. 2. Jane, born at Haverstraw, March 31, 1921; attended St. Peter's Parochial School, Haverstraw High School, and is a graduate of Ladycliff Academy, at Highland Falls, New York, class of 1941, now teaching in the Spring Valley High School. 3. Marie, born at Haverstraw, in 1923, who attended St. Peter's Parochial School, and is a graduate of Haverstraw High School. 4. Anne,

born at Haverstraw in 1930, a graduate of St. Peter's Parochial School, now attending Haverstraw High School.

OTTO C. BROWN—A native and lifelong resident of Newburgh, Otto C. Brown has become one of its popular citizens. He has been engaged in business in the city since young manhood, has been identified with business organizations over a long period, and is more than locally prominent as a Mason.

He was born in Newburgh, New York, on January 1, 1889, a son of Louis and Anna Kardel, both of whom came from Germany to the United States as boy and girl, met in the New World and here married. Both parents are now deceased. Their son of this record was educated in the public and high schools of his birth city, and in the Newburgh Academy. In 1906 he became associated with the Brookside Ice Company here, but in 1916 entered the automobile business in which he has since been an active leader in the city. When T. W. Stewart retired from the Brookside Ice Company and the Broadway Garage, Mr. Brown formed a partnership with Mr. Stewart that continued the automobile enterprise under the trade title, Broadway Garage, Mr. Brown becoming the active head of the concern, and has since continued to fill this position most capably. The firm became representatives of the Buick Automobile Company, and maintains show rooms, garage and public service at Nos. 259-261-263 Broadway. Approximately twenty-five people are employed under normal conditions.

Constructive citizenship has been an outstanding feature of Mr. Brown's career. He is a member and a former president of the Newburgh Kiwanis Club; a past vice-president of the Powelton Club; a director of the Newburgh Young Men's Christian Association, and a member of the City Club. A staunch Republican in the field of politics he is keenly interested in good men and efficient government. He is a member and chairman of Selective Service Board, No. 302, serving as a member since September, 1940, and as chairman since 1943. He worships in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Prominent in fraternal circles, Mr. Brown is affiliated with Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, of which he is a Past Master, and Past District Deputy of the Orange-Rockland District; Highland Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons; Hudson River Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar; Mecca Temple, New York City, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the board of activities of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and president in 1945 of the Masonic Veterans Association, also president of Wilbur Weston Shrine Association, of Newburgh.

Otto C. Brown married, April 14, 1920, Helen M. Brown, of Newburgh, daughter of George and Helen (Frick) Brown, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ann, born September 12, 1928.

HALLORAN HARRISON BROWN—Halloran Harrison Brown has been an outstanding horticulturalist over a long period as the sole owner and operator of one of the finest fruit farms and fruit cold storage plants in the Hudson River Valley, in Rockland County. His reputation is far more than local in character as is evidenced by his former presidency of the New York Horticultural Society, one of the largest and most progressive in the United States.

Strangely enough, Mr. Brown is a native of New York City, born November 20, 1868, and did not get out in the country until he was five years old, when his parents and their children removed to Rockland County. He was educated in the schools of Spring Valley and Monsey, both in Rockland County, and studied under private tutors. He prepared himself for a career as an educator, passed the required examinations and taught schools in Rockland County for six or seven years. All the time he was becoming more and more impressed with the agricultural advantages of this part of the Hudson Valley, as regards soils, climatic conditions and proximity to metropolitan markets, and he purchased a farm in the Monsey section. This place has been increased to some hundred and fifty acres, and under his direction has been largely planted to apples. Down through the years he has grown most of the fruits, berries, vegetables and general crops suitable to this area, and has won wide repute in his line of endeavor.

As mentioned, Halloran Harrison Brown is a former president of the New York State Horticultural Society, and a member at one time or another of other similar organizations, including the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstane Lodge, No. 839, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Orange and Rockland counties. He is a member of the board of directors of the Ramapo Trust Company.

Halloran Harrison Brown married, in Monsey, New York, Elizabeth Stephens. They are the parents of four children: 1. Alma, married Dudley Dorian and they have a son, Richard, who is a flier in the army air corps, World War II. 2. John W., who married Margaret Duff and is the father of Betty, John W., Jr., Lynn, Sue and Jeremy. He operates the home farm. 3. Emily, who married Philip Dean and they have a daughter, Phyllis. 4. Frances E., at home.

HENRY BAKER—A resident of Tappan since boyhood. Henry Baker heads the organization of A. W. Burton & Company, Inc., dealers in groceries, meats, house furnishings and a variety of products required by people in the Tappan and Rockland County area.

Mr. Baker was born August 22, 1893, in New York City, son of Frank and Kate (Mahoney) Baker. His father, born on a ship coming to this country from Ger-

many, was a stonecutter by trade. The mother was born in Ireland. Both parents are now deceased, their remains lying at rest in Long Island.

Henry Baker was still a small boy when brought to Tappan to live, and here he attended public schools and formed the initial connections of his business career. It was in 1905 that he entered the employ of the late Albert W. Burton, founder of A. W. Burton & Company, then being twelve years of age. Working during vacations and after school hours, he continued for a long period under Mr. Burton's guidance and direction. At length Mr. Burton sold his business in 1930 to W. A. Serven, but then took it back again and proceeded to operate it in 1935. Mr. Burton, the founder of this enterprise, was a native of Saugerties, in Ulster County, and came to Tappan in 1900 and built the present business structure in the early 'teen years of this century. He headed the business until his death in 1936. Then Mr. Baker took it over, and he still conducts it. Under Mr. Baker's management and direction, A. W. Burton & Company has come to be widely known for its fine groceries, meats, house furnishings, fuels, feeds, masons' materials, paints and hardware. It is without question one of Tappan's outstanding enterprises.

At the same time Mr. Baker has taken a deep interest in community affairs. Formerly he was chief of the Tappan Volunteer Fire Department, later serving as president of the Tappan Volunteer Firemen's Association. He is at the time of writing a member of the Tappan Fire Commission. He is active in a number of organizations, including the Lions Club of South Orangetown. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life and healthful recreations, particularly hunting and fishing.

In Harrington Park, New Jersey, August 10, 1919, Henry Baker married Margaret Klieber, a native of New York City, daughter of Frank Klieber. They became the parents of a son, Albert W. Baker, born December 13, 1922, in Englewood, New Jersey, who attended grammar school in Tappan and Haverstraw High School, where he was graduated in 1941. He is serving at the time of writing in the United States Army Air Corps, which he entered after having begun his course of study at the University of Vermont.

GEORGE MATSON STEVENSON—In 1908, George M. Stevenson, as a young man, decided to become a funeral director, and from that time until his death conducted this business in Piermont, Rockland County, New York. The years made him one of the prominent citizens of this place, an active figure in local and county affairs.

He was a native of South Nyack, New York, born September 26, 1881, son of Robert and Catherine (Hugins) Stevenson, his father being an interior decorator. George M. Stevenson attended the public schools of Grand View and the Nyack High School. Early in life

he began making his own living, and was variously employed, mainly in New York City until 1908, when he completed studies leading to the diploma of the Renouard School of Embalming, and established himself as an undertaker in Piermont. He maintained a thoroughly modern funeral home equipped to render every service that could be asked of him. As a progressive citizen, he had been a trustee of the village of Piermont, and was a director of the Orangetown Savings & Loan Association. When hardly more than a boy he was a soldier in the Spanish-American War, with Company B, of the 12th Regiment, serving under General Butterfield. Along professional lines Mr. Stevenson was a member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and was a charter member and a director of the Orangetown Lions Club. He attended St. John's Catholic Church.

Mr. Stevenson passed away at his home in Piermont, New York, November 27, 1944.

At Piermont, New York, on January 12, 1910, George M. Stevenson married Blanche Halliday of Nyack, daughter of Robert and Mary (Coates) Halliday, and they became the parents of four children, all born at Piermont: 1. Clare, a graduate of Tappan Zee High School and of the Holy Name Hospital School for Nurses; she married John O'Hara, and is the mother of two children: Ruth and George O'Hara. 2. Ruth, a graduate of Tappan Zee High School, and Scudder's College, New York City, now a private secretary with the Bethlehem Steel Company, in New York City; she married Lewis LaBruyere, and has a son, John LaBruyere. 3. Dorothy, a graduate nurse of a New York hospital, and also of the McAllester School of Embalming, *cum laude*, formerly associated in business with her father and now managing the business since her father's death. 4. George M., born December 8, 1919, a graduate of Congers High School, who served in the United States Army Air Forces, for the duration of World War II.

HARRY NIEMEYER—Reliable in business, steadfast in his interest in the community in which he lives, and loyal always to friends and neighbors, Harry Niemeyer is highly respected and esteemed in Congers, Rockland County, where for more than two decades he has been prominent in merchandising. He was born in New York City, on October 7, 1903, son of Albert and Mary (Heilshorn) Niemeyer, and was educated in the grade and high schools of Newark, New Jersey. The mother of Harry Niemeyer died when he was about five years old. The father, Albert Niemeyer, came from his native Germany as a youth and for the most of his life in the New World engaged in the handling of provisions and meats, first in New York City. From 1907 to 1922, he operated his own establishment in Newark, New Jersey, but in 1923 removed to Congers, Rockland County, New York,

where he purchased the store of John Mulrain, which he operated under the trade name of A. Niemeyer & Son. Upon his death, in 1941, the property and business were inherited by his son, Harry, and daughter, Alice Niemeyer.

After leaving school, Harry Niemeyer entered the employ of the Garfield National Bank of New York City, now the immense Chase National Bank, of the metropolis. After several years as a bookkeeper, he joined his father in business, and together they built up a fine enterprise in Congers, of which they and the town could be proud. "Niemeyer's Market," with its appropriate slogan "Everything for the Table," is widely known and popular. It serves a large clientele. Some of the second generation trade with Niemeyers. Harry Niemeyer has constantly entered various phases of local life and enjoys his contacts with members of several organizations. He belongs to the Alert Volunteer Fire Department, and was president of the Congers Rod and Gun Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Stony Point, New York, Lodge, No. 313, of the Free and Accepted Masons. Hunting is probably his favorite sport, although racing pigeons is very much a hobby.

Harry Niemeyer married Alice Krebs, a native of Congers, and daughter of William and Emma (Bausbach) Krebs. Her father, former tax collector for the town of Clarkstown, also conducted a hotel in Congers for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Niemeyer are the parents of two daughters: Lois, born in Nyack, July 19, 1933; and Harriett, born in June, 1941, at Nyack.

JACOB K. WEXLER—In the fourteen years that Jacob K. Wexler has practiced his profession in Pearl River and Rockland County, he has become one of this region's well-known lawyers and active in local affairs. He was born in New York City, August 19, 1904, son of Samuel and Sarah (Kleiner) Wexler, the family moving to Spring Valley, Rockland County, when the son of this record was about nine or ten years of age.

Jacob K. Wexler attended the local public schools, and was graduated from the Spring Valley High School, class of 1921. He was a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, for a time and then matriculated at the New York Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1928. After serving his law clerkship in the metropolis, he was admitted to the New York State bar in June, 1930, and shortly after established offices in Pearl River, which have since been continued. He serves a large clientele and has achieved a most excellent reputation as attorney and counsellor.

Since January 1, 1942, Mr. Wexler has been town attorney for the town of Clarkstown, Rockland County, and is especially active in the Rockland County Bar Association, of which he was a director, 1937-38, and secretary from 1939 to the present writing in 1945. He also

was a secretary of the Pearl River Rotary Club, and is a former president of the B'nai B'rith of Rockland County.

On June 24, 1942, at South Nyack, New York, Jacob K. Wexler married Miriam Haagens, born in the Netherlands, daughter of Gerard E. and Josephine (Blok) Haagens. Mr. and Mrs. Wexler have two sons, David Nils, born in New York City, April 14, 1943, and Steven Daniel, born in Pearl River, New York, August 7, 1945.

JOHN A. SHERIDAN—With the name Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, so prominent in present day news, acting as its mayor is considered a great honor. This has been both the honor and the responsibility of John A. Sheridan for the past several years. He was born in Pawling on April 24, 1908, a son of Raymond F. Sheridan, who moved to this town a few years prior to the birth of this boy.

John A. Sheridan attended local public schools and the Pawling High School, then entered the employ of the famous "World," one of the outstanding New York City newspapers with which he continued identified until 1931. His father had started a livery business in Pawling in 1907, which, with the changes in modes of transportation, was turned over to the use of taxis and the promotion of motor bus lines, that were developed to important proportions. In 1931 John A. Sheridan returned to the community to take over the management of the firm, and at the death of his father on March 11, 1939, he and his brother were left the business and have since operated it on a partnership basis. At the present writing, the brother, Philip G. Sheridan, is overseas with the armed forces of our country in World War II.

The Sheridans render public services with taxis, a number of buses and trucks. John A. Sheridan is a staunch Democrat, influential in party councils and campaigns. For two years he served as a trustee of the village of Pawling and was acting mayor for about a year. In March, 1945, he was elected mayor of the municipality for a term of two years, a richly deserved recognition of the constructive services he has given the community and the faith reposed in him to direct municipal affairs in a very trying period. Fraternally Mayor Sheridan is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Pawling Fire Department and the local chamber of commerce. He and Mrs. Sheridan attend St. John's Roman Catholic Church. As time and opportunity permit, he plays golf and does some hunting and fishing for recreation.

On June 6, 1936, John A. Sheridan married Marion H. Berish, of Poughkeepsie, daughter of Stephen and Bertha (Kassay) Berish, and they have two children: Raymond J., born August 25, 1937, and Elaine Helen, born March 10, 1940.

CHARLES L. HULSWIT—President of the Rockland Gas Corporation, Charles L. Hulswit comes of a family whose members have been and are interested in

engineering as applied to public utilities. His father was for many years president of an outstanding light and power company of a midwestern State. A son, prior to entering the United States Army for World War II service, was a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Charles L. Hulswit was born at Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 12, 1901, son of the late Frank T. Hulswit, also a native of Grand Rapids, who over a long period was president of the United Light & Power Company. His wife, the former Cornelia Hobeke, is living. The son of this record was educated in the elementary and secondary schools of his birth city, being graduated from the Grand Rapids Central High School, with the class of 1920. Entering the University of Michigan, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering, and began his connection with public utilities in 1925, as assistant distribution and plant engineer of the People's Power Company, of Moline, Illinois, remaining until 1929. Then for something more than a year he was supervising engineer in the construction of a gas plant at Bangor, Maine. In 1930 he came to southeastern New York, to take charge of the extensive operations of the Rockland Gas Company, a combination of a number of earlier and smaller concerns, such as the Ramapo Gas Corporation and the West Shore Gas Company. Up to 1937 he was a vice-president and general manager of the Rockland Gas Corporation, and since 1937, has been its president.

His record in Rockland and neighboring counties has attained a reputation that is far more than local, for he is one of the well recognized authorities on public utilities, and a highly popular figure in the American Gas Association. In the University of Michigan he became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and is likewise a member of Tau Beta Phi, honorary engineering society and the Sigma Xi, scientific fraternity. His business headquarters are in Spring Valley, although he makes his home in Suffern, Rockland County, New York. His favorite recreation is playing tennis.

At Chicago, Illinois, January 11, 1924, Charles L. Hulswit married Sarah Oliver, daughter of the Rev. William Oliver. Mr. and Mrs. Hulswit are the parents of a son, Frank T., born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 20, 1924. He is a graduate of Ridgewood, New Jersey, High School, and attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, prior to enlistment in the United States Army for World War II service; now serving as a corporal in the army air corps.

EDITH HAERLE—In these days when women are on a plane of equality with men in social service, educational endeavors and patriotic activities, Edith Haerle sets an example to the opposite sex in Rockland County, more particularly, Nanuet, where she makes her home. She lacks nothing in general qualifications for



Euth Haenle



George Haele Jr.



leadership and the promotion of the best interests of her community, county and State. Her own personal achievements, and the important work which she has been called upon to perform, she modestly credits to heritage from parents and ancestors.

Great-grandfather Jacob Haerle was born in 1823, in Baden-Mahlberg, Germany, and migrated to the New World in about 1855, settling in the old Madison Square district of New York City. In 1861 he enlisted in the 15th New York Heavy Artillery, a volunteer regiment, and received his honorable discharge on August 22, 1865, having gone through the Civil War without receiving any injuries. Miss Haerle's great-grandfather was the first one of the Haerle family to come to Rockland County, after the close of the War Between the States. His son, George Haerle, born in 1846, was a justice of the peace and a member of the Clarkstown town board for twenty-four years. He also served on the school board of Moses Town School, now known as the Chestnut Grove School. His son, George Haerle, Jr., lived at Bardonia for many years.

He was born August 18, 1869, at Mt. Vernon, and died on September 25, 1933. Many tributes were paid him by the press at the time of his passing, for he had been a prominent figure in the police department of New York City. He had been appointed, in 1896, to the "Force" by Theodore Roosevelt, then commissioner of police. He became a sergeant on April 21, 1898; a lieutenant, on January 9, 1901, and a captain on April 26, 1919. He was promoted to deputy inspector on November 29, 1922, and on December 3, 1925, Police Commissioner Enright made him inspector, which was the commissioner's last promotion before he left office.

Inspector Haerle was first in command of the Rockaways and later was placed in charge of the 13th Division. He was one of the founders of the Police Honor Legion and had served as president of the organization. He was also active in the Free and Accepted Masons, and was a member of the Police Department Square Club. He was the first Master of Compass Lodge, No. 1019, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the higher bodies of the order including the thirty-second degree and a member of the Long Island Grotto. Before his passing he had been a resident of Nanuet, Rockland County, for a number of summers.

George and Margaret Haerle were the parents of two daughters, Edna and Edith, the former of whom married Alexander Robert McDicken, Jr. Mr. McDicken, Jr., died August 29, 1944. Edith Haerle, with whom this record is primarily concerned, has been prominent in community life and political affairs for almost a decade. She is a member of the Rockland County Republican Committee, from Clarkstown, secretary of the Clarkstown Republican Committee, and an organizer and treasurer of the Nanuet Republican Club. In 1944 she was chairman of the Rockland County Republican Committee of Women sup-

porting the candidacy of Augustus W. Bennett for Congress as opposed to Hamilton Fish. She is a vice-president of the Women's Republican Club of Nyack.

Edith Haerle is exceptionally devoted to the work of the Red Cross Society, and is chairman of the Nanuet Branch of the order, and a member of the local Red Cross Motor Corps. She was one of the organizers of the Nanuet Community Ambulance Corps, and serves as secretary of its board of directors. In 1944 she was appointed by Supervisor Roswell P. Blauvelt, to membership on the Rockland County Health Committee. She is a member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN E. DODD—One of the younger officials of the town of Ramapo, Rockland County, John E. Dodd is an exemplar of the unusual in public life, for he has been connected with highways and public works in Rockland County since boyhood. His work in official posts for the past eighteen years has won the approval of the citizens of this part of southeastern New York State. The years have added constantly to his repute and popularity. In the life of Spring Valley, he is prominently active.

Superintendent of Highways, town of Ramapo, John E. Dodd was born at Monsey, Rockland County, on April 6, 1902, son of John W. Dodd and his wife, the former Mary Osborne, the latter-named also born in Monsey. John W. Dodd was a native of Carlisle, England, who migrated to the United States and became a resident of the Monsey section as a young man and for many years was engaged in agriculture. Both parents are now deceased. Their son of this record was educated in local schools and the Brick Church School.

At the age of sixteen years, John E. Dodd entered the employ of the late William W. Bird, who was superintendent of highways for the town of Ramapo from 1918 to 1926. In the latter year, Mr. Dodd was appointed commissioner of public works, village of Spring Valley, Rockland County, town of Ramapo. He has been continued since in office by the electorate and bids fair to remain long as a public servant of the community. Both his ability and his experience contribute to his efficient direction of his duties.

Mr. Dodd is a member of the Lions Club of Spring Valley, and of the Spring Valley Hook and Ladder Company. A Republican in his party membership, he is influential and progressive in political activities. His religious affiliations are with the Dutch Reformed Church of Spring Valley.

On April 17, 1926, John E. Dodd married at Spring Valley, New York, Margaret L. Tallman, a native of this place, daughter of Francis P. and Sarah (Torrey) Tallman (of Tappan Patent Tallmans). Mr. and Mrs. Dodd are the parents of one son, John F., born May 17, 1931, at Spring Valley.

CLAYTON RYDER—Carrying on a practice of law in Carmel, Clayton Ryder has for years concerned himself with the affairs of his profession, with banking and with community life. As president of the Putnam County National Bank he has filled a prominent place in this region of New York State.

Mr. Ryder was born February 8, 1860, in Carmel, Putnam County, New York, son of Ambrose and Mary M. (Hillyer) Ryder. The house in which he was born, long since demolished, stood on or near the site of the Methodist Church in Carmel. His great-great-great-grandfather, John Ryder, born in Newtown, Long Island, moved to Tuckahoe, Westchester County, in 1728. He was a farmer. His son, also named John Ryder, born in 1732, moved to Putnam, then a part of Dutchess County, and married Sarah Sprague, whose parents, John and Hepsibeth (Hartwell) Sprague, came to the district as early as 1725. Their son, Eleazer Ryder, born November 5, 1764, married Mary Coe, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Field) Coe and grand-daughter of Samuel Field, who in 1732 became the first settler of Dingle Ridge. Jane Field is said to have been the first white child born on the Oblong. In 1795 Eleazer and Mary (Coe) Ryder moved to the Ryder family homestead, which later was incorporated and remains in the ownership of their descendants. Their third child, Stephen Ryder, born in 1794, served through the minor grades and as a colonel of militia. He married Betsey Nichols, daughter of Gould and Sarah (Treadwell) Nichols and a descendant of many old New England families. Among her forebears were Lieutenant Governor Nathan Gold, Jehu Burr, Edward Treadwell and Francis Bradley.

Ambrose Ryder, son of Stephen and Betsey (Nichols) Ryder, was born March 5, 1826, and was a graduate of Williams College. Taking up the study of law, with Charles GaNun, Esq., at Carmel, he served for three terms as county judge. He died April 9, 1892. He married Mary Miranda Hillyer, descendant of John Hillyer, who established his home at Windsor, Connecticut, in 1639. Her ancestors also included numerous prominent New England families. One of her forebears was George Hayes, also an ancestor of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Another was Matthew Grant, forebear of General Ulysses S. Grant. Ambrose and Mary Miranda (Hillyer) Ryder became the parents of four children: 1. Hillyer, born in 1850, who served for many years as cashier of the Putnam County National Bank and for eighteen years as county treasurer of Putnam County; he died, unmarried, in 1928. 2. Clayton, of further mention. 3. Stephen, who is a graduate of Cornell University; married Annie Louise Cooper, of Tompkins County, New York, and they became the parents of Ambrose, Leland, Gertrude and Hillyer Ryder. After the birth of their first child they resided for many years in the State of Washington, where Stephen Ryder was for some time professor of chemistry in Tacoma High School. He returned to Carmel in 1907

to take his former bank position and became cashier on the retirement of his elder brother. He is now retired. 4. Mary Grace, born in 1863, died in 1901. She was a graduate of Drew Seminary for Young Women, and became a missionary, greatly interested in benevolent work.

Of these, Clayton Ryder, second-named of the four, attended private schools in Carmel. Afterward he spent the year 1875-76 at the Hudson River Institute, in Claverack. Then he entered Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he was graduated June 19, 1879. He studied law in his father's office, and in 1880 and 1881 attended the law school of Columbia University, New York City. Admitted to the bar as an attorney in 1881 and as a counselor at the Brooklyn general term of court on September 14, 1882, he began his professional practice in Carmel, where he succeeded his father. In the years that followed he became eminently successful in his professional work, in which he continues down to the time of writing. He has appeared in the courts in connection with many of the leading cases tried in this part of New York State.

At his father's death, Clayton Ryder was elected president of the Putnam County National Bank. He still serves as bank president, and is recognized as an influential figure in the expansion of this institution of finance. At the same time Mr. Ryder has performed highly valued services in connection with different branches of civic and cultural life. He was chairman of the appeals board for Southern District of New York set up during the First World War in connection with administering the selective service act of that period. In 1915 he was a member of the 7th New York State Constitutional Convention, serving on the committees for taxation, education and town and village officers. From 1898 to 1926 he was federal referee in bankruptcy for Putnam County. He early became trustee and treasurer of Drew Seminary for Young Women. He was also first president of the Carmel Country Club, and has been a member of different bar associations.

Clayton Ryder married, July 31, 1888, at Ravenna, Ohio, Mrs. Carrie (Holcombe) Cornwell, widow of Dr. Henry G. Cornwell, of Columbus, Ohio, and daughter of Alexis E. and Jane Grey (Breckenridge) Holcombe. Mrs. Ryder, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri, was born August 6, 1859, in Richmond, Indiana, and was descended from Thomas and Begat (Eggleston) Holcombe, of Dorchester and Windsor, in 1635. Others of her forebears included John Pettibone, of Windsor, 1658; James Breckenridge, of Palmer, Massachusetts, 1727; George Morton and Thomas Clark, of Plymouth, 1623; Andrew Ring, of Plymouth, 1629; John Lothrop, of Scituate, 1634; Stephen Hopkins, of "Mayflower" fame, 1620; Robert Stetson and Anthony Dodson, of Scituate, 1633; Thomas Foster, of Boston, 1634; Thomas Chillingworth, of Marshfield; and members of the families of Wanzer, Olmstead, Sherwood, Mosely, Campbell, Ferris,

Marshall, Newell, Fisher and others. Clayton and Carrie (Holcombe-Cornwell) Ryder became the parents of three children: 1. Earle Ambrose, born June 9, 1890, now of West Hartford, Connecticut, consulting engineer, with Pratt & Whitney Airplane Company; married Mildred Granger, and they became the parents of two children, Theodore and Margaret Elizabeth. 2. Morton, born October 1, 1894, engaged at the time of writing in the practice of medicine in Rye, Westchester County; he married Anne Brake, and they became the parents of three children, Clayton, Constance and Diane. 3. Willis Holcombe, of further mention elsewhere in this work.

AUGUST CARL ZWISSLER—A junior executive of the large J. C. Penney Company organization, and an active business man of New York City and West Nyack, Rockland County, August Carl Zwissler is one of those fortunate men who early in life entered the vocation to which he could give his best endeavors without loss of interest. He has been with the Penney corporation since he became identified with it as a youth, and has advanced through many of its departments on his way to his present important position.

Mr. Zwissler is a native of Brooklyn, New York, born May 26, 1899, son of Henry and Elizabeth Zwissler. The older man, now deceased, was long associated with J. N. Stearns, silk manufacturers. After attending the local grade schools of his birth city, and the Boys' High School, in Brooklyn, August Carl Zwissler rounded out his education by night study in Fordham University, New York City. In 1918 he started with J. C. Penney Company, a connection which, as has been indicated, has not been broken. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, and was reared in the Protestant faith.

In Brooklyn, New York, on March 21, 1925, August Carl Zwissler married Miss Grimes, of the Catholic faith, daughter of John H. and Elizabeth Grimes.

THOMAS V. TRAINOR—For many years associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York City, Thomas V. Trainor makes his home in Monsey, Rockland County.

Mr. Trainor was born July 3, 1898, in Jamaica, Long Island, New York, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Nirmaier) Trainor. His father, born also in Jamaica, was for years a merchant, until his retirement.

After Thomas V. Trainor completed his public school studies in Monsey, where his family took up their residence in 1906, he attended Suffern High School. In 1912 he became active in insurance work, associating himself with the General Accident, Fire and Life Insurance Company, in New York, and with that organization he continued until 1917. During the First World War, from 1917 to 1919, he was with the coast artillery corps. In 1922 he became connected with the Metropolitan Life

Insurance Company, of New York, serving this organization in an executive capacity down to the time of writing.

In addition to his insurance activities, which have proven highly useful, Mr. Trainor is interested in politics and in civic and social life. He is chairman of the Democratic county committee in Rockland County. He is a past commander of Spring Valley Post of the American Legion. He belongs to St. Joseph's Church, of Spring Valley. In spare time he is fond of fishing as a favorite pastime.

In Spring Valley, New York, August 7, 1925, Thomas V. Trainor married Amelia Muller, of Spring Valley, daughter of the late Henry Muller, of this place. They became the parents of two children, both born in Monsey: Thomas V., Jr., and Peter.

ALFRED J. ELLISH—Operating the firm of Ellish Furriers, in Nyack, Alfred J. Ellish is one of Rockland County's leading business men and public-spirited citizens. He has had an influence in shaping many branches of the life of this community and county, and is highly regarded among his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Ellish was born December 6, 1892 in Poland, son of Jacob and Mollie (Hahn) Ellish. His father, upon coming to the New World, became a furrier in New York City and so continued for many years.

After Alfred J. Ellish completed his preliminary schooling in his native land, he came to America in 1904, arriving in New York City. Seeing possibilities in the women's wear trade for a retail store that would be widely serviceable to its customers, he had stores in Bayonne, New Jersey, and in Newburgh and New York City, New York, before coming to Nyack in 1935. He lived in Monsey for a time, but since 1935 has been engaged in the fur business in Nyack. The store is one of this community's leading business institutions, handling the better grades of fashionable furs, suits and coats and doing all types of custom and repair work on furs. The Ellish house is considered a fashion center of the first order, and Mr. Ellish always is on the watch for the latest developments in ever-changing style trends. In 1943 the store went into new quarters at No. 91 Main Street, in order better to meet the increasing demands made upon it. Mr. Ellish plans to occupy the entire building here and to convert it into a veritable department store handling his own specialties.

Among his other activities, Mr. Ellish developed the Fanley Woods Homes Sites, in Spring Valley, beginning in 1938, and this development moved rapidly and satisfyingly forward under his expert guidance. He is a member of the Nyack Chamber of Commerce and Spring Valley Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and director in the Spring Valley Credit Union, as well as of the Jewish Community Center.

Alfred J. Ellish married, November 27, 1917, in New York City, Fannie Bachman, a native Roumanian, daughter of Samuel Bachman. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Eugene, born October 22, 1918, in New York City, attended public schools in Spring Valley through the high school grades, then became associated with his father's firm of Ellish Furriers; he became active, too, in many organizations, including Jackson Engine Company No. 3, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and Knights of Pythias, Temple Israel. He married, in April, 1941, Lenore Pathe, of New York City, and they became the parents of one daughter, Susanne Ellish, born in September, 1942. 2. Morton, born December 24, 1923, in Mount Vernon, attended Spring Valley schools through the high school grades, then entered his father's business as a fur dealer. He attended Temple University before enlisting for service in the army air corps during the Second World War, and after being discharged he continued his studies at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, from which he graduated in the class of 1945. 3. Milton, born in New York, educated in Spring Valley schools through the high school grades, then studied at Texas University until his enlistment as a midshipman in the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Maine, from which he graduated in 1945, receiving his commission in the United States Naval Reserve.

GEORGE A. FRIMPTER—With that most difficult of professions—salesmanship, George A. Frimpter of New York City and Haverstraw, Rockland County, has been identified with a business career that was initiated in his youth. Starting in a clerical capacity with a noted American wholesale mercantile firm, he soon changed to selling, and by the time he had become of age was representing his firm in England in times of war. He returned to the United States, however, to enlist in the United States Army, and after completing his service during World War I, entered the real estate business in the metropolis, a field of operations in which he has since continued.

Mr. Frimpter was born at Grassy Point, Rockland County, on March 9, 1895, son of William and Mary (Cushler), Frimpter, his mother coming originally from Austria to Haverstraw at the age of six years. The father was a native of Stony Point, Rockland County, and was a machinist at the Wiles Foundry, at Grassy Point, when his son was born. The elder man died at the age of twenty-five, and the years in which the son was being educated in the grade and high schools of Haverstraw were none too easy, economically.

After being graduated from the Haverstraw High School, George A. Frimpter became a stenographer and typist for the famous Austin, Nichols & Company, wholesale grocers, in New York City. He quickly earned promotion, and was secretary to the vice-president and

general manager of the corporation, when war broke upon the European continent. The young man was sent to England to sell goods to the English and their Allies. As already indicated, he felt it his duty to return home when his country became involved in World War I, and he enlisted in the medical corps of the United States Army. Before his service was ended he had been transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service, and ultimately received his honorable discharge as a master engineer, senior grade, attached to the headquarters of the chemical warfare department.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Frimpter engaged in the real estate business in New York City, and has so continued down to the present writing. His main office is at No. 50 Broadway, New York City; he resides in Haverstraw, Rockland County. He is chairman of the board and a director of the National Bank of Haverstraw & Trust Company. He has taken a constructive interest in the progress and welfare of the Haverstraw area of Rockland County, always ready to lend his support to worthy projects and organizations. He belongs to the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Haverstraw, is affiliated with the American Legion, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

In 1922, at Haverstraw, New York, George A. Frimpter married Kathryn McCabe, daughter of Michael and Sarah C. (Dolan) McCabe and a sister of William McCabe who serves on the advisory board of this History of Southeastern New York. Michael McCabe was the former popular owner and publisher of the "Rockland County Times," published in Haverstraw. Mrs. Kathryn McCabe Frimpter is especially prominent in social, cultural and humanitarian circles. After acquiring a broad formal and technical education in the Academy of the Holy Family, in Connecticut, and Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, she taught art in the schools of Morris County, New Jersey, and at Bogota, same State, prior to her marriage. During this global war period she is devoting much of her time to the work of the Junior Red Cross Society, Haverstraw Chapter, as chairman of its board. Mr. and Mrs. Frimpter are the parents of two sons: 1. George W., born in Haverstraw, March 17, 1928, educated in grade and high schools of Haverstraw; and has been a counselor at Camp De Witt, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; and now is a student at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. 2. Michael H., born in New York City, December 10, 1935.

ROBERT L. JESSUP, M. A.—At the beginning of one of the most difficult periods in the field of education in the United States, Robert L. Jessup, M. A., came to Monsey, Rockland County, as a teacher and supervising principal. He has remained in this section of New York since 1929, and carried on important duties during the financial depression which began about that time, and furthered the progress of his school district

when school funds became inadequate. He continues his work at the present time when teachers are too few, and only limited funds are available for his requirements.

Mr. Jessup is a native of Big Flats, New York, born February 27, 1904, son of William and Minnie (Whittier) Jessup. After attending local schools and being graduated from the Horseheads High School, in 1924, he matriculated at Colgate University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1928. Later he completed postgraduate work at New York University, leading to the Master's degree in Arts. Mr. Jessup taught at Ilion, New York, 1928-29, and since the latter mentioned year has been an instructor and supervising principal of School District No. 5, Monsey, Rockland County. Constructively interested in civic, educational and humanitarian affairs, he is active in organizations and movements that undertake to promote the best interests of the community. Mr. Jessup is a former president of the Rockland County Teachers Association, and is a member of the old Brewer Volunteer Fire Engine Company, of Monsey. His favorite recreations are fishing and camping.

In 1931, at Groton, New York, Robert L. Jessup married Lois Elder, native of Groton, and a graduate of Cortland Normal School. Mr. and Mrs. Jessup are the parents of three children, all born at Monsey: Eloise, born in 1932; William in 1933, and David in 1936.

LYMAN J. SPALDING, M. D.—Into an exceptionally busy life, Dr. Lyman J. Spalding of New York City and Suffern, New York, has crowded many interests and activities. For more than a decade he has been one of the leading metropolitan ophthalmologists, specializing in surgery of the eye. His professional background is that of study and experience in a number of fields of surgery and medicine in the United States and Europe.

Dr. Spalding was born at Cadillac, Michigan, February 18, 1893 son of Major and Mrs. Alice L. (Jacklin) Spalding, both natives of Michigan and both now deceased. The father engaged in lumbering the most of his life. Lyman J. Spalding attended the Troupe Private School, in California, was graduated from De Witt Clinton High School, New York City, in 1910, and pursued pre-medical studies in Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. He was graduated a Doctor of Medicine from the New York Medical College, in 1916, and later did postgraduate work in the New York Ophthalmic Hospital, in the metropolis.

While still a student, Dr. Spalding joined the New York State National Guard, and was a member of the 258th Field Artillery Medical Corps. He enlisted for service when the United States became involved in World War I, and was assigned to the medical corps of the United States Army, with the rank of first lieutenant. From 1918 to 1920 he engaged in the study and practice of plastic surgery in Paris, France, returning to New

York City, where he continued his work as a plastic surgeon to 1931. Since that year Dr. Spalding has centered the most of his practice upon eye surgery and is eye surgeon to the Consolidated Edison Company, of New York. Dr. Spalding for several years has done radio work, giving advice on health, hygiene and foods, and at the present time is active in this field.

Along professional lines, Dr. Spalding is a member of the New York State Homeopathic Society, the New York County Homeopathic Society, and the Association for the Advancement of Industrial Medicine and Surgery. His professional fraternity is Alpha Sigma, and his social fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon. He also is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Brown University Club, of New York.

On February 11, 1920, at Bryan, Texas, Dr. Lyman J. Spalding married Dorcas Ann Parker, daughter of George Samuel and Della (Lawrence) Parker. Mrs. Spalding is keenly and actively interested in civic and social affairs in Suffern. She was instrumental in forming the Red Cross Motor Corps, and is director of personnel of the Good Samaritan Hospital, and staff assistant of Ramapo Chapter, American Red Cross Society, at Suffern.

JUNE WEBBER—In the hustle and bustle of business life, June Webber is an admirable example of how far the modern woman can go in business when she chooses to make this a career. She is the president and treasurer, among other activities, of the Oscawana Lake Realty Company, of Putnam Valley, Putnam County, a long established and wonderfully developed project on one of the loveliest natural lakes in its part of southeastern New York. The first development of its kind in this section, it was first known as the F. K. James Company, which still continues in operation and Mrs. Webber is also president and treasurer of this company. These companies own and operate two public water systems that supply water to residents of this section.

The background of June Webber may account for some factors in her achievements. As June Kearns, she was born in Ireland, a daughter of Patrick and Delia (McNicholas) Kearns, both now deceased. Her father was for a number of years a special agent for the British Government, and visited many parts of the globe. His daughter of this record, came to New York as a young lady, and completed her education in private and public schools, including St. Hyacinthe's Academy, New York City. A sister, Ann Kearns, a graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, of Dublin, Ireland, is now in World War II service.

The early life of June Kearns was very much like that of other girls who make their debut in society in due time, enjoy a great deal of freedom from cares, and ultimately marry. June Kearns changed her name to June Webber, and became the mother of a son, of whom she is, with reason, very proud. A number of years ago she became

associated with the late Frederick K. James, in the development of the Oscawanna Hilltop Estates and Wildwood Knoll, a few miles inland from Peekskill, New York. Situated among the high hills of Putnam County, Lake Oscawana has about everything one can seek in a place of residence, whether summer or winter, and all within a short distance of New York City. Upon the demise of Mr. James in June, 1940, June Webber assumed charge of the James enterprises, and has added to the control and sale of some of the choicest properties in the lake area, or Putnam Valley, Putnam County. As might be expected, she is prominent in the social and civic affairs of the community and county; is a member of the Putnam Valley Parent-Teachers Association, and has the honor of being the only woman member of the Putnam-Valley Chamber of Commerce, of which she is a member of the executive board. She is active, too, in charitable organizations.

Robert Henry Webber, son of Mrs. Webber, is a young man of whom any mother could be proud. Educated at St. Joseph's Academy, Newburgh, New York, Mount Saint Michael's Academy, Mount Vernon, New York, and Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, he enlisted in the United States Navy Air Force in 1941. While a student he compiled records in scholarship, being an honor student and a four-time winner of scholastic medals, and likewise was much to the fore in campus activities as manager of the track and baseball teams; he held for two years in Georgetown University, the high score on the rifle team, and received a medal for his work with the management of the Mask and Bauble Club. He is now a senior lieutenant in the United States Navy Air Corps, and is second in command, as a dive bomber pilot on an air craft carrier. Lieutenant Robert Henry Webber married Althea Corwin, a well-known vocal soloist of New York City, who was born in Paris, France. She is the daughter of Edwin and Bertha (Coudert) Corwin, the latter a native of France, and the former of Illinois. An uncle, Thomas Corwin, is a former Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Lieutenant and Mrs. R. H. Webber have a son, John Curtis Webber, born in January, 1945.

J. VAN W. BROWN—Engaged in a real estate and insurance business in Suffern, J. Van W. Brown is president of James J. Brown, Inc., founded by his father in the first years of the century.

Mr. Brown was born May 8, 1906, son of James J. Brown, a native of Suffern, who is now retired from the active business endeavors of a busy career. He was widely known in real estate circles, as well as in the insurance brokerage business, and was formerly supervisor of the town of Ramapo and a director of local banks. He continues active in the Free and Accepted Masons. The mother was the late Berenice (Kerr) Brown.

Public schools of Suffern provided J. Van W. Brown's early formal education, and he later studied at the Stevens School of Technology and the McKenzie School, at Monroe, New York. He became associated in business with his father's firm soon after completing his formal schooling, and is now active in the real estate and insurance business in Suffern as president of James J. Brown, Inc. This firm has operated since almost the beginning of the century, and Mr. Brown has been its president since 1933.

He is also a director of the Suffern Savings & Loan Association, and is active in the Rotary Club, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On February 10, 1926, in New York City, J. Van W. Brown married Dorothy L. Lanning, daughter of Young R. and Clara (Erb) Lanning. The children of this marriage are: 1. Roberta, born March 19, 1927, in Suffern. 2. James J., 2d, born here November 15, 1932.

On October 26, 1943, Mr. Brown entered the United States Navy and is serving in the Pacific on the battleship "Wisconsin."

HENRY L. and FRANK McBRIDE—The brothers, Henry L. and Frank McBride, both natives of Orange County, New York, brought to its county seat, Goshen, one of its pioneer and important industries. For over twenty years they have operated a milk trucking business that was not only the first of its type, but has grown to be the largest of its kind in upper New York State's "milk shed." After considerable experience as dairymen, the two men formed in 1924, the H. L. & F. McBride Trucking Company, in Goshen, for the purpose of faster, better and more sanitary transportation of milk to the metropolitan New York markets. From a small beginning of a single tank truck, which incidentally was the first one to transport milk in this manner in New York State, the concern now has a fleet of one hundred and eighty-four trucks of which they are the owners. In 1930 they established a branch at Walton, New York, and five years later one at Troy, New York. The McBrides territory includes all the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, and they are the largest milk truckers in Eastern New York State. Included in their equipment are thoroughly modern repair shops and the company has the most powerful tow truck in the United States. The H. L. & F. McBride Company is strictly a co-partnership affair, with a payroll of approximately two hundred employees.

As already indicated, both brothers are partners, and were born at Middletown, New York, sons of Henry McBride, who died in April, 1944, and Elizabeth (Holbert) McBride, who continues to reside in Middletown, where the father had been interested in agriculture until he retired from farming activities. Both sons were educated in Orange County schools.



Robert H. Webber



Henry L. McBride was born in August, 1900. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, life member of the Blue Lodge, No. 365, Free and Accepted Masons, and a life member of Cyprus Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1097. He is a director of the New York State Motor Transport Association. In August, 1924, he married Charlotte Aldrich, and they have one son, Henry L., Jr., born in January, 1927, now in the United States Navy.

Frank McBride was born in 1905. He is a member and past president of the Goshen Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1097, and is leading knight there; is past president of the County Seat Conservation Club. He married, September 14, 1929, Marie Strong of Goshen, daughter of George J. Strong and Mary (Meehan) Strong, and they are the parents of three sons: Frank, Jr., born March 21, 1932, John, born August 11, 1934, and Edward, born September 14, 1938. Mr. McBride is part owner with his father-in-law, George J. Strong, in the George J. Strong & Company, a retail store for men's clothing in Goshen. Mr. Strong has been in this business in Goshen over sixty years.

EDMUND MILLEN—For a number of years Edmund Millen operated the Millen Shirt Company, in Middletown, an enterprise started by his father-in-law in 1868. This shirt manufacturing house has long been recognized as one of Middletown's leading industries, and Mr. Millen's activities in this and other connections earned for him wide respect, admiration and confidence. He will long be affectionately remembered by a host of friends for his many-sided contribution to the life of the community and of his times.

Mr. Millen was born February 17, 1883, in London, England, son of Ernest and Emily Jane Rees Millen. His father-in-law was a manufacturer, founder of the Millen Shirt Company, as indicated above. Both parents were of English birth and ancestry.

Public schools in England provided Edmund Millen's early formal education, and he early became associated with his father-in-law in shirt manufacturing. As already noted, the father-in-law organized this company in 1872. It had its inception in Goshen, this State, but in 1875 the elder Mr. Millen removed it to Middletown, which was a larger city and where workers were more available. The younger Mr. Millen remained associated with the founder of the business until the elder man's death on August 17, 1927. He then conducted it himself until May 7, 1941, the year of his own death. The business was headed by his widow, Mrs. Edmund Millen, who was president and treasurer until it was sold in August, 1944, to the Manhattan Shirt Company. The company was the oldest one of its kind in Orange County, and

figured prominently in the life of this region, employing more than two hundred people and having ten thousand square feet of floor space. The shirts manufactured here were produced solely for the trademark "Manhattan," after 1927 and were shipped to all parts of the United States.

In addition to serving as president of the Millen Shirt Company, Mr. Millen conducted shirt factories at Cobleskill and Kingston for a few years. He was also active in civic affairs in Middletown and the surrounding area, belonging to the Monhagen Fire Company and the Middletown Club, and he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He was a director of the Orange County Telephone Company. He belonged to the Universalist Church.

On November 12, 1913, Edmund Millen and Gladys V. Millen were married. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Virginia Yuill, born January 12, 1915. 2. Edmund, III, born August 25, 1916, died October 23, 1944. 3. Janet Rees, born February 17, 1918, wife of Lieutenant Edward Fairfield Moody, Jr., and is now serving in the United States Naval Hospital at Long Beach, California, in the WAVES. 4. Mary Drewett, born November 5, 1922. 5. Eunice Harriett, born June 5, 1924.

FRANK LAISO—By plain hard work and courageous enterprise Frank Laiso of Centenary, Rockland County, has become an important individual in the community, and set an example that should serve as an inspiration to the present generation. Whatever pride he may rightly take in his personal achievements, he is probably proudest of the fact that his two sons are now serving in the United States Army and Navy, while his only daughter is the wife of an army officer.

Mr. Laiso is a native of Utica, New York, born October 12, 1898, son of Edward and Anna (Brenner) Laiso, his father at one time operating one of the first barber shops in Haverstraw, Rockland County. It was in Haverstraw that Frank Laiso began working in a brick yard during summer vacations from school. He was ten years old at the time, and he seldom has been free from some business activity since that time. His first employment of note was with the Garner Print Works, where he remained for three years mainly in the packing department. At the age of eighteen years he became supervisor of the vehicle department at the Bear Mountain Amusement Park, after which he started a taxi and garage business in Haverstraw. To this he added a bus line between this place and New City, which he operated for some fifteen years. In 1937, Mr. Laiso sold all his holdings in the above concerns and established a general store at Centenary, Rockland County, where he practically controls a monopoly of the trade. He is a popular member of the New City Fire Department, and fraternally is affiliated with the Haverstraw Lodge, No. 877, Benevolent

and Protective Order of Elks. His favorite outdoor recreations are fishing and hunting.

In New York City, Frank Laiso married (second), March 10, 1926, Laura Bennett Howell, born at Haverstraw, daughter of Captain W. H. Bennett and his wife, Frances (Mackey) Bennett. Children: 1. Elliott S. Howell, born at Hackensack, New Jersey, December 27, 1916, who married Blanche Koval, and they have a daughter, Linda Jane. He is now serving in the United States Army Air Corps, Medical Corps Detachment, with the rank of major. 2. William Howell, born at Haverstraw, March 21, 1920; he married Catherine Dunnigan; he is now serving in the South Pacific as chief yeoman, United States Navy, on the "Monterey," airplane carrier. 3. Dorothy, born at Haverstraw, October 15, 1923, who married Edson Knapp, of Centenary, now serving with the United States Army Air Corps, with the rank of sergeant, stationed in Arizona.

MARTIN P. NUGENT—A wealth of experience and knowledge, gained in a busy and interesting career, has in recent years been placed at the service of Rockland County by Martin P. Nugent. While still a young man, he had made a livelihood in a variety of industrial occupations before he entered the employ of the house of J. P. Morgan & Company, the eminent American banking firm, with which he remained associated until he retired in 1935. Since that year he has devoted much of his time and energies to public service to the advantage of the communities with which his endeavors are identified.

Mr. Nugent was born in the village of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, on May 4, 1878, son of Martin and Anne (Kelleher) Nugent, both natives of Ireland, who came to the New World and Ramapo, in about 1862. The father was long connected with the Ramapo Wheel & Foundry Company, and was an exemplary citizen and devout churchman. Their son, of this record, left the district school at the age of fifteen years to earn his own living. He learned telegraphy, which was about the most popular vocation of that time, and worked for the Erie Railroad as telegrapher and station agent, located at various places in what was then the eastern division of the Erie System. After twelve years, he accepted a position with the Virginia Portland Cement Company, now owned by the United States Steel Corporation, and was located at Craigsville, in the Dominion State. After being assistant cashier for about a year, he returned to Suffern, Rockland County, entering the employ of the Railway Steel Spring Company, now a subsidiary of the American Locomotive Company. Three years later he joined the forces of J. P. Morgan & Company, and compiled the unusual record of almost thirty years with this famous banking institution, resigning in 1937.

Mr. Nugent is a citizen of Suffern, New York, and a well-known figure in its life and affairs. Following the

tradition of his ancestral origin, he is keenly interested in politics and good government. Since 1938 he has been chairman of the Rockland County Republican Committee, influential in party councils and campaigns. This position he resigned, effective in 1945. In 1935 he was elected a trustee of the village of Suffern, a post he continues to fill most capably. In 1937 he became chairman of the Town of Ramapo Committee. In January, 1940, he was appointed superintendent of the Rockland County Welfare Home at Viola, New York, and is doing further excellent public service. Fraternally Mr. Nugent is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Ramapo Lodge, No. 589, of which he was Master in 1911 and 1912. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church. He has hobbies that are as widely different as politics and the growing of flowers, in both being an expert.

On June 28, 1905, at Tuxedo Park, New York, Martin P. Nugent married Augusta Waldron of Sloatsburg, New York, daughter of Matthew and Lillian (Becraft) Waldron of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Nugent are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Waldron, born at Suffern, October 2, 1909; he was educated at the public and high schools of Suffern, Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey; and prior to his enlistment in the army was associated with the Allied Products Company, of Suffern. He married, in 1944, Bernice Winter, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and they have one daughter, Nancy Lee, born in 1944. Robert W. Nugent served with the rank of first sergeant, with the United States Army, 602d Tank Destroyer Battalion; he was wounded December 10, 1944, losing both feet, in Saarlautern, Germany, and is now under hospital care in Atlantic City. 2. Betty, who married Dr. F. J. Liddy, of Mahwah, New Jersey, a captain in the United States Army, and is the mother of a son, Frank J., Jr., born January 2, 1933, at Suffern; Dr. and Mrs. Liddy were divorced in 1944, and Mrs. Liddy is now Mrs. Alden Stanton, of Brooklyn, New York.

LE ROY W. VAN ZANDT—For many years active in business affairs in Pearl River, Le Roy W. Van Zandt operates the Rockland Fuel Oil Company here for distribution of oil for the heating of homes. At the same time he conducts the Van Zandt Oil Company to distribute gasoline.

Mr. Van Zandt was born May 12, 1902, in Brooklyn, New York, son of the late Dr. George D. and Minnie S. (Hanft) Van Zandt. His father, born in New York City, was graduated from the New York Dental College, then practiced his profession in that metropolitan center for many years until eventually he removed to Pearl River.

Le Roy W. Van Zandt was still an infant when brought to Pearl River by his family. Here he spent his boyhood and youth, attending Pearl River schools and being graduated in 1919 from the Park Ridge High School. Turning his attention to business affairs, he took a place



Rev. Truesdell

as salesman with an advertising firm in New York City, and for about eighteen months performed a service in that connection which took him to Ohio and Kentucky and different parts of the United States. He entered the advertising business with the old New York "World," which later became the "World-Telegram," and remained with that newspaper for about a year. Then he turned to another phase of the advertising business, spending two years with the "Business Directory."

During that period he was also associated with Thomas Dexter, of Pearl River, as a partner in the advertising business. In May, 1926, he established the Van Zandt Oil Company for the distribution of gasoline, while at the same time he launched the Rockland Fuel Oil Company to distribute home-heating oil. Both these companies continue operations down to the time of writing, and Mr. Van Zandt's place in the life of the community is one of leadership and high standing. He has recently been elected a member of the board of directors of the Park Savings & Loan Association, and of the First National Bank & Trust Company, of Pearl River, New York. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and the Rotary Club, of Pearl River. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life, particularly such healthful sports as golf and fishing.

Le Roy W. Van Zandt married, in 1926, in Piermont, Rockland County, New York, Margaret Chichester, who was born in Piermont, daughter of Richard Chichester, former mayor of Piermont. Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt became the parents of two children: 1. Joan Elaine, born May 17, 1929, in Pearl River, attending high school here at the time of writing. 2. Jane Margaret, born October 2, 1931, in Pearl River.

BERT TRUESDELL—As sheriff of Orange County, Bert Truesdell, of Goshen and Newburgh, occupies a position of leadership and distinction in civic life here.

Mr. Truesdell was born February 17, 1881, in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, son of Charles E. and Margaret (Dutcher) Truesdell. His father, born in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, was an interior decorator, widely known in his profession.

Public schools provided Bert Truesdell's early formal education, and in 1903 he entered the automobile business in association with his father-in-law, George Mason, in Newburgh. Mr. Mason and he became the first men to open and maintain a garage in this city. In 1925 Mr. Truesdell was made a supervisor of Orange County, representing the Seventh Ward in Newburgh. In 1931 he was appointed undersheriff of Orange County, serving under Gilmore O. Bush, and in that connection he had charge of the county jail, in Newburgh. In 1934 he was made undersheriff under Henry B. Clark, so becoming the first undersheriff to succeed himself in this position in a quarter of a century. In 1937 Mr. Truesdell was

again made undersheriff, serving under William Schoonmaker. Then, in 1940, he was undersheriff to H. C. Hartford.

It was after this sustained service in the office of undersheriff that Mr. Truesdell was made full sheriff of Orange County in 1943. He continues in this post down to the time of writing, and he truly has earned the admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens for his effective contribution to law enforcement in his county. His record as sheriff and undersheriff has been a fine one. He is a member of the War Council, and head of the police division for Orange County. Member of an old Dutchess County family, Mr. Truesdell has also figured prominently in fraternal and social affairs in this region of New York State. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has many affiliations, including membership in the Blue Lodge of Newburgh, No. 309, and the Knights Templar Commandery, of which he is a Past Commander. He is a member of the Newburgh Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 247, Newburgh Lodge, and honorary member of the Fire Police of Orange County. For several years he has served as a vestryman of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church.

On November 8, 1906, Bert Truesdell married Margaret Mason, daughter of George Mason and Margaret (Moore) Mason. They became the parents of a daughter, Margaret Eleanor Truesdell, who is the wife of A. C. Sleight and the mother of their son, Curtis B. Sleight.

CYRUS C. ARRIGO, Pod. D.—In the course of an active and eminently useful career, Dr. Cyrus C. Arrigo became a specialist in podiatry, and has won high reputation not only in Metropolitan New York, but in Nyack, Rockland County, where he has practiced for a number of years. Like many who have risen to prominence, he has been the architect of his own achievements, making his own way in life with no assistance from influential friends or personal wealth. He has learned not only how to attain personal success, but also to be sympathetic and understanding of those who are at the foothills of the mountains they wish to climb, and especially of the underprivileged. He does a great deal of work among people in need, and from whom he neither asks nor expects any remuneration.

A native of Italy, born October 3, 1895, the son of John and Rosemarie Arrigo, he was brought to New York City as an infant by his parents. There followed the not unusual difficulties that are the lot of folk who must learn a new language, new ways of life, and of earning a livelihood, and the American metropolis proved no Eldorado for his parents and himself. The principal heritage of the future Dr. Arrigo was mainly that of the courage and spirit of his ancestors, combined with a capacity for hard work and sticking to what he undertook. In the competition of daily affairs, he quickly

learned to fend for himself, and that education was one stepping stone to success. He attended local grade schools while at the same time he sold newspapers to help the family income. As a student in the East Side High School, New York City, he engaged in all kinds of jobs. In 1917, Cyrus Arrigo was graduated from the First Institute of Podiatry, receiving the degree of Master of Podiatry, and later he pursued courses under the direction of the University of the State of New York, completing his work with high honors.

In the meanwhile the United States became involved in World War I, and Dr. Arrigo enlisted in the United States Armed Forces. After the signing of the Armistice and an honorable discharge from the army, he opened an office in Brooklyn as a podiatrician and chiropodist. This has since been his vocation, practiced since 1925 at Nyack, Rockland County. He serves a large clientele as the result of his modern methods, great skill and knowledge of his science. Dr. Arrigo has traveled no easy road to his present standing, for he was the first podiatrist to practice in Rockland County, and when he came there the importance of caring for "one of the most neglected parts of our anatomy"—the feet—was not understood. He had to do a great deal of pioneering and educational work before patients in numbers came his way.

The years have brought appreciation of the importance of Dr. Arrigo, and honors to him and his career. He has been the official podiatrician for the village of Nyack for the past decade. He has been chief foot surgeon of the Nyack Police Department for a number of years. In 1943 he was made unit chief of the Foot Clinic of New York City, and in this capacity inspects and supervises the foot clinics of the metropolis. On September 1, 1944, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Podiatry at the First Institute of Podiatry, which has become affiliated with Long Island University in New York City.

Since coming to Rockland County, in 1926, Dr. Arrigo has made his home in Spring Valley (or West Clarkstown) and has contributed invaluable to the best interests of the community. He is an honorary deputy sheriff of Rockland County, vice-president of the West Clarkstown Fire Department, a former president of the Tax Payers Association, and a member of the Rockland County Good Roads Association. Incidentally, he is credited with suggesting the name West Clarkstown. His professional affiliations include those with the New York State Society of Podiatrists, and the National Association of Chiropodists and Podiatrists.

At St. Paul's Church, on 178th Street, New York City, Dr. Cyrus C. Arrigo married Bounaventura Bruno, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy Rosemarie, born in Brooklyn, New York, May 18, 1924; a graduate of Spring Valley High School and Columbia University School of Dental Hygiene, and now engaged as Dental Hygienist for Rockland County. 2. John Cyrus,

born in Brooklyn in 1926; a graduate of Spring Valley High School; he enlisted in the United States Navy for the duration of World War II, where he served as an X-ray technician and was promoted to pharmacist mate, third class. 3. Frank Edward, attending Spring Valley High School.

HAROLD S. HELLER, M. D.—Specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat work, Dr. Harold S. Heller carries on an extensive practice of medicine in Rockland County, centering his activities at his offices in Spring Valley. He has a large and growing private practice and does considerable hospital work.

Dr. Heller was born October 3, 1900, in Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, son of A. and Anna Heller. His father was a native European, who came to Montreal in the early eighties of the last century. He was a watchmaker until his retirement, highly gifted in his profession.

Montreal public schools provided Dr. Harold S. Heller's early formal education, and after graduation from Montreal High School in 1917 he became a student at McGill University, in that city. There he received, in 1923, the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Serving an internship at Bayonne Hospital, Bayonne, New Jersey, he later was stationed at Seaview Hospital, on Staten Island, New York City, then was at Post-Graduate Hospital and the Polyclinic Hospital, in New York. Between 1926 and 1929 he was associated with the late Dr. C. B. Breder, of New York, widely known eye, ear and throat specialist there, serving as his assistant. It was in 1929 that Dr. Heller established himself in Spring Valley as a specialist along these lines.

So continuing down to the time of writing, Dr. Heller is also chief surgeon in ear, nose and throat work at Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, and consulting surgeon in his specialty at Summit Park Sanitarium. He is vice-president of the Rockland County Medical Society and a member of the New York State Medical Society. Not only does he carry on his work in Spring Valley and Rockland County, but Dr. Heller also has an office in Westwood, New Jersey, and is a member of the Westwood Kiwanis Club. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life, particularly fishing.

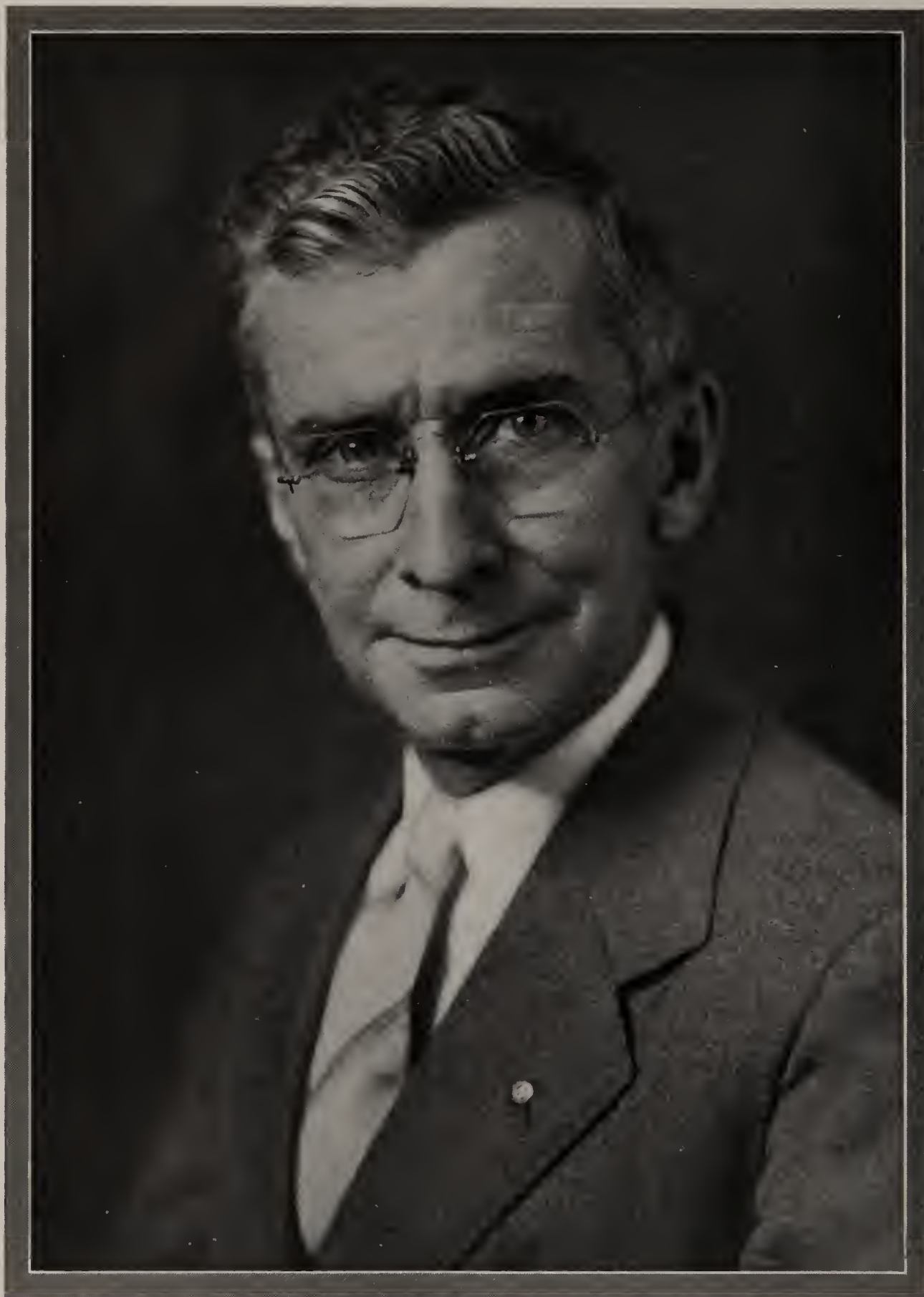
In New York City, August 18, 1929, Dr. Harold S. Heller married Eleanor Chanin. They became the parents of two children: 1. Kenneth, born in 1935 in Spring Valley. 2. David, born also in Spring Valley, in 1939.

ALEXANDER N. SMITH, D. D. S.—The mention of the name of Dr. Alexander N. Smith in Rockland County is sufficient to identify him as one of the outstanding dental surgeons of this section of southeastern New York. He is a native of Spring Valley, born October 17, 1905, son of Abe and Frieda Smith, both of whom were also born in this town.



Cyrus C. Arrigo P. D. D.





Ernest E. Kendall

After attending local grade and high schools, Alexander N. Smith rounded out his formal and technical education in Alfred College, in the northwest part of New York, Tufts University, in Connecticut, and then graduated from the dental school of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1933, a Doctor of Dental Surgery. In that same year he initiated a practice of his profession in Spring Valley, and his office at No. 34 North Main Street is visited by a large clientele that he has gained by his abilities and services rendered. He remains a student of his profession, keenly interested in research and the latest developments in the art and science of dentistry. Dr. Smith is a member of the First District Dental Society and the American Dental Association. His professional fraternity is Alpha Omega. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias, and is popular in the Lions Club.

On June 23, 1935, Alexander N. Smith, D. D. S., married Beatrice Morris, of Passaic, New Jersey, and they are the parents of two children: Barry David, born July 3, 1938; and Patricia Ann, born May 24, 1941.

KENNETH B. ROSE—A representative of one of the pioneer families of Rockland County, Kenneth B. Rose is also one of the large number of natives of this part of southeastern New York who have chosen to remain here and achieve noteworthy records. Since his admission to the bar, more than fifteen years ago, he has been engaged in a general practice of his profession in Suffern, with a success and reputation that are more than local in character.

Nicholas Rose, the grandfather of Kenneth B. Rose, lived and labored in the Sloatsburg region of Rockland County, when lumbering was still an important industry, and agriculture was somewhat crude. He was both a good lumberman and farmer. His son, William H. Rose, was born at Stony Point, Rockland County, and continued the family tradition as regards the utilizing of natural resources. He was a saw mill owner and operated an extensive lumber business, but was best known as a building contractor. He married Blanche Beecraft, and their son Kenneth B. Rose, with whom this account is primarily concerned, was born at Sloatsburg, New York, February 25, 1897. The father died when the boy was about eleven years old, and some of the endeavor to obtain a formal and professional education was of his own accomplishment. After attending the Sloatsburg grade schools and graduating from the Suffern High School, in 1918, he entered the United States Army for service during World War I. Upon his return to civilian life he was variously employed for a few years prior to matriculating at the Albany Law School, from which he graduated in 1926, a Bachelor of Laws. In June of the following year he was admitted to the bar and has since been identified with a general practice of the law, with offices at No. 76 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, New York. He is a member

of the Rockland County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

Since his appointment in 1933, Kenneth B. Rose has served as an executive officer of the Rockland County A B C Board. His main fraternal affiliation is with Lorillard Lodge, No. 858, Free and Accepted Masons, of Tuxedo, New York; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Suffern, and the Hudson River Commandery, Knights Templar. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a liberal supporter of religious and charitable works.

At New City, New York, Kenneth B. Rose married Ruth Frances Ruck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruck of Mahwah, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Rose are the parents of a son, Kenneth Richard, born at Nyack, New York, June 13, 1943.

THOMAS FRANCIS McDERMOTT—Operating a large dairy business in Nyack, Thomas Francis McDermott has developed his organization until it is one of the largest in this region of New York State.

Mr. McDermott was born November 20, 1898, in Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, son of the late John and Mary (Kelly) McDermott. His father was engaged in the brick business in Haverstraw for many years until his death. He was a leader in that business and in Haverstraw business and civic affairs. His widow resides in Haverstraw, where her son and daughter live with her.

Thomas Francis McDermott, the son, attended St. Peter's Parochial School, in Haverstraw. He entered the dairy business here at an early age, establishing what is now widely known as McDermott Brothers in 1916. Later he moved the enterprise to Jackson Street, Nyack, where it still operates. McDermott Brothers are widely known as milk dealers and distributors in Rockland County, New York, and Bergen County, New Jersey. Thomas F. McDermott's brothers, who are engaged in business with him are Emmett, Joseph and Frank McDermott. They started operations with only a truck and a few delivery wagons, but were able to develop it into one of the largest in this region of New York State. They employ more than two hundred people at the time of writing, and maintain one hundred trucks with which to make their vast deliveries of milk and dairy products.

In addition to his work with this business, Thomas F. McDermott is active in community affairs, notably in the Nyack Rotary Club, of which he is a past president. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus in Haverstraw and to St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Haverstraw.

ERNEST E. KENDALL—As president and treasurer of the Crawford Furniture Company, Inc., of Middletown, Ernest E. Kendall occupies a position of leadership and high standing among his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Kendall was born September 17, 1879, in Worcester, Massachusetts, son of Edwin M. and Annie (Enright) Kendall. His father was employed by a wire concern in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Ernest E. Kendall attended public schools of Worcester, and after completing his high school studies there he became a student at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was graduated as a civil engineer. Taking up his work in the civil engineering profession, he continued along those lines until, in 1925, he became associated with Adrian Crawford in the furniture business in Middletown. The partnership continued until 1936, when Mr. Kendall bought his partner's interest. The original owner and founder of the business was Charles Emmet Crawford, Mr. Kendall's father-in-law, who established the firm in 1873 and operated it until his son, Adrian Crawford, and son-in-law, Mr. Kendall, took over the reins of management. Charles Emmett Crawford, who was born on a farm near Middletown, December 16, 1849, was the oldest merchant of Middletown at the time of his death, March 8, 1933.

In 1936, Mr. Kendall and his wife formed a corporation, the Crawford Furniture Company, Inc., of which Mr. Kendall was president and treasurer and his wife vice-president, until February 1, 1943, when they discontinued the corporation, and formed a partnership, Mr. Kendall and his wife being the partners. They have seven floors, and on these premises handle every kind of item used for home furnishing purposes.

Mr. Kendall, who takes a deep interest in community affairs in Middletown, is a staunch Republican in politics and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Middletown Club. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the First Congregational Church, and is treasurer of his church. In leisure time he particularly enjoys golf, which constitutes his favorite hobby.

On May 22, 1907, in Middletown, New York, Ernest E. Kendall married Mildred M. Crawford, daughter of C. E. and Alice (Harvey) Crawford, the latter born in Beemerville, New Jersey, and died at the age of ninety. They became the parents of two children: 1. Barbara, born September 5, 1908, graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1929, became the wife of I. L. Jones, Jr., who is an auditor, and they have three children—Kendall, Cynthia, and I. L. Jones, 3d. 2. Edwin G., born May 20, 1913, graduated in 1935 from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Hotel Management, now associated with the Hotel Supply House, in Portland, Oregon.

ROBERT FISHER—As a youth Robert Fisher became identified with the life of Tappan and with the years he has become more prominent in the affairs of this Rockland County community. He was born in New York City, May 8, 1894, son of Robert and Mary (Hell-

yer) Fisher. His father, a carriage manufacturer, was a native of Simcoe, Province of Ontario, Canada, and his mother was of Holland-Dutch ancestry. The son of this account, was educated in New York City public schools, including the High School of Commerce.

His business career began at the age of sixteen years when he secured a position with the Texas Company, of New York City, starting as an office boy while he still attended school. Down through the years he has served in almost every department of this corporation, being at one time or another in his advance—clerk, assistant cashier, general credit manager, cashier, and since 1933 assistant treasurer of the company.

Since 1916 Robert Fisher has been a resident of Tappan, Rockland County, where he married and built a home. Over a long period he has taken a constructive interest in civic affairs. He is a member of the board of education, village of Tappan. He is of the Republican political faith. Along business lines, Mr. Fisher belongs to the American Petroleum Institute and the United States Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with Wawayanda Lodge, No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; he is also a Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star for New York State. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church.

At Tappan, New York, October 22, 1916, Robert Fisher married Elizabeth Kunz, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Jackson) Kunz. Mrs. Fisher is a Past Matron of Rockland County Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are the parents of three children, all born at Tappan: 1. Janet, who married Lieutenant Charles Anderson, United States Navy, World War II, and they are the parents of twins, Charles and Robert, born in 1943. 2. Elizabeth. 3. Robert James—at present with the 6th Division United States Marines, in the Pacific.

MICHAEL CLARENCE FISCHER—With the life and affairs of Carmel, Putnam County, Michael Clarence Fischer has been identified prominently over the most of his mature years. As an educator he came early in his career to this municipality where for more than a quarter of a century he was principal of the Carmel High School. Through all this period and to the present he has been exemplary in his citizenship and hearty promotion of the best interests of the community.

Mr. Fischer was born at Greenwood, New York, son of Thomas A. and Mary Elizabeth Fischer, his father being an agriculturalist and business man. After being graduated from the grammar and high schools of his birthplace, he went for his further academic education to Alfred University, in southwestern New York, then to Columbia University and New York University, in the American metropolis, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. His first work of importance as an educator was as vice-principal of the East Islip High School, on

Long Island, where he remained from 1912 to 1913; then for four years he was principal of the Smithtown High School. From 1917 to 1943, he was principal of the Carmel High School, in Putnam County. During 1944 he has taught mathematics in the Peekskill Military Academy, New York, and was an instructor in the summer school of Cheshire Academy, Cheshire, Connecticut.

It has been the responsibility of Mr. Fischer to carry through a number of years when financial conditions in the country reduced the funds allotted to his school, and to meet these difficulties with wise administrative policies, while at the same time he improved the curriculum of Carmel High School and broadened the service it rendered pupils and the public. He will long be remembered for extra-curricular activities as the baseball coach of the school, the developer of teams that won championships in the Putnam County-North Westchester County League, as well as men who starred in college or went into professional baseball with the big leagues.

Mr. Fischer was acting clerk of the board of education of Carmel during 1942-43, and he was one of the original group that raised the funds for the construction of the World War I Memorial Building in Carmel. For the past nine years he has been a director of the Memorial Association, and since 1942 has served as chairman of the advisory board of the Selective Service Board No. 301 for Putnam County. He is a popular figure in the Carmel Rotary Club and likewise in the Literary Union of Carmel.

On Long Island, New York, August 17, 1918, Michael Clarence Fischer married Arline S. Silliman, daughter of Augustus G. and Elizabeth (Smith) Silliman. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer are the parents of two sons: 1. Frederick Thomas, born March 15, 1928, a freshman at Yale University. 2. Charles Augustus, born July 24, 1930.

Mrs. Fischer's family is of Colonial ancestry. On her maternal side she is descended from Richard Smith, the patentee of Smithtown, and on her paternal side from General Gold Silliman of Revolutionary fame, and Benjamin Silliman, first professor of chemistry and mineralogy at Yale University. Mrs. Fischer is a member of Enoch Crosby Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is an organizing and charter member, and the Chapter's first registrar.

WILFRED B. TALMAN—For years widely known in Rockland County, Wilfred B. Talman is a resident of Spring Valley. He has come from extensive newspaper work and a writing career into his present position as editor of the publications of The Texas Company, in New York City.

Mr. Talman was born November 19, 1904, in Spring Valley, New York, son of Elbert and Eleanor Cornelison (Smith) Talman. His father, a farmer and banker until his retirement, was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Spring Valley. He was probably the

oldest school trustee in point of service in the entire State of New York, having served continuously for nearly a half-century. The Talman family dates back to 1675 in Nyack and vicinity and to 1658 in Manhattan. Mr. Talman has made a special study of the historic matters that have long so deeply interested him. His mother, Mrs. Eleanor C. (Smith) Talman was born in Washington's Headquarters, Tappan, New York, a descendant of old families of Rockland, where the Smiths and the Cornelisons and other correlated lines have long lived. Many of her illustrious progenitors lived around Tappan. The Talmans are said to have owned at one time the entire village of Nyack.

Wilfred B. Talman attended Spring Valley schools, and was graduated from high school here in 1923. He then went to Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey, where he was graduated in 1924. Then he was a special student for two years at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, after which he entered the School of Journalism of Columbia University, New York City, and there received the degree of Bachelor of Literature in Journalism in 1928. He started his writing career as early as 1919, while in high school, writing for the school magazine. In 1921 he sold his first verse to nationally circulated magazines. And in school and college years he did a variety of other writing—verse, fiction, newspaper work and other kinds. He was engaged with Brooklyn newspapers during his first year at the School of Journalism, and soon afterward he became a staff reporter on "The New York Times."

It was in 1930 that Mr. Talman came to The Texas Company, of whose publications he has been in full charge since 1941, holding the title of editor. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Talman has written some history under his own name, and he is intensely interested in Rockland County and this region of New York State. He has done a great deal of valuable civic work, having spent about eight years on the Rockland County Council of the Boy Scouts of America and having held other positions of importance in the realm of civic and social activity. He was elected the youngest member of The Holland Society's board of trustees in 1932. At two different times he has been a member of the board of the Association of Blauvelt Descendants. He became the first president of The Historical Society of Spring Valley. He was chief air raid warden of the southeastern Ramapo area during World War II. He is a deacon in the Dutch Reformed Church, Spring Valley. While in high school he was captain of a Spring Valley team. His brother, Howard Parker Talman, was selected for Camp's All-American football team at Rutgers College, where he was formerly captain and a five-letter man. Another brother, the Rev. Lyman Alfred Talman, was ordained a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church. He was graduated from Cornell University as a mechanical engineer, then turned to theology and took the degree of Bachelor

of Divinity at Rutgers Theological Seminary. He spent thirteen years as a missionary in China, and at the time of writing is a Presbyterian minister in Stillwater, New York.

Wilfred B. Talman married, in Brooklyn, New York, October 5, 1929, Charlotte Ann Hinrichs, daughter of Henry and Anna (Schacht) Hinrichs. Mrs. Talman was formerly a student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and was graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a Bachelor of Arts. She is a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, which she joined at Michigan. She was formerly vice-president of the Spring Valley Garden Club and a leader in the work of the local Parent-Teacher Association. The Talmans are the parents of three children: 1. David Frederic, born January 8, 1933, in Nyack. 2. Katherine Ann, born July 7, 1936, at Tallman. 3. Peter Douwe, born July 22, 1940, at Nyack.

JAMES S. SMITH—The family of James S. Smith and collateral members have been prominently identified for several generations with agriculture in Putnam County, New York, especially in the region about Cold Spring, and with its development and community life.

Milton Smith, father of the above, was born in Cold Spring, February 3, 1839, and died January 20, 1917. He married Emmalinda Mekeel, of Cold Spring, born March 16, 1841, died April 14, 1930, and they were the parents of three sons: Fenton M., born January 1, 1865, died November 21, 1942; Milton F., born October 23, 1870; and James S., of whom further, born July 31, 1878.

The Smith Farms are located on the Albany Road, Cold Spring, in one of the finest parts of the Hudson River Valley section. The two comprise some three hundred acres of land, upon which the basic industry is milk production, there being some three hundred head of cattle besides a dozen horses and other stock. A number of men find employment during normal times, although under war conditions strenuous efforts must be made to carry on the work of the places, harvest crops and get products to market.

James S. Smith has kept up the family tradition for expert farming, for progressiveness in ideas and undertakings, and for helpfulness in the assistance of those with less experience and success. So efficient are his planning and operations that he is enabled to spend the winters at Daytona Beach, Florida, and return in the spring to direct the activities of the summer.

On November 21, 1900, James S. Smith married Edith C. Hustis, of North Highland, New York, granddaughter of Harvey and Hannah J. (Haight) Hustis, who reared and educated her. From the Haight side of her family, she traces her descent from an officer of the American Revolution. Prominent in club and social life, North and South, Mrs. Smith is a member of the Daughters of

the American Revolution, and her interest in the events of past years is reflected in her membership in the Putnam County Historical Society.

WILLIAM A. SMITH—From early manhood William A. Smith has been proving his possession of the essential qualities of an efficient business man, first in New York City and for the most of his particularly active career in Newburgh, Orange County, New York. As the head of his own general insurance agency, he serves a large clientele; as an exemplary citizen he contributes importantly to movements and organizations that promote the best interests of the community.

Mr. Smith was born at Marlboro, Ulster County, New York, July 14, 1902, son of William W. and Bertha W. (Scott) Smith. His father, now deceased, was a prominent merchant of Newburgh. William A. Smith attended the Newburgh public schools, and is an alumnus of the Newburgh Free Academy. From this old and esteemed institution he began making a livelihood in New York City, where he also attended college. Upon returning to Newburgh he became a claim adjuster for a number of insurance companies. He was well founded in his business when in 1927 he began selling insurance. In 1936 he established The William A. Smith Insurance Agency in Newburgh, which writes all types including life insurance.

Not all the energies and the abilities of Mr. Smith are centered upon his own success in business circles. Few men in the city are more ready to lend aid to the betterment of local affairs. He is a Republican in party allegiance, and was clerk of the codes committee of the New York State Senate in 1928, 1929 and 1930. He was supervisor from the Seventh Ward, Newburgh, during the decade, 1931 to 1941. Too young for military service during the First World War, and over age for present army service, his military record includes that of membership in the New York National Guard from 1927 to 1930. He is active in a number of city and county endeavors in connection with the winning of the present global war.

Fraternally Mr. Smith is affiliated with Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, Free and Accepted Masons; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 133, Knights of Pythias, and Palatine Council Royal Arcanum, of which he has served as Regent and is also a Past District Deputy in the State of New York. His clubs include the Lions, and he is a director of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies are bowling and stamp collecting. He attends Westminster Church in the city. Mr. Smith has two sons: William H. Smith, born September 21, 1928; John H. Smith, born August 26, 1933.

CLARENCE EUGENE ERICKSON—For many years active in business and community affairs in Rockland County, Clarence Eugene Erickson conducts a dairy



William A. Smith



business and is active in the affairs of Spring Valley and vicinity.

Mr. Erickson was born April 13, 1902, in the town of Ramapo, Rockland County, son of Enoch S. and Grace E. (Townsend) Erickson. His father, a native of Sweden, came to Brooklyn, New York, when only eight years of age, then took up his home on a farm in Spring Valley about the turn of the century. He was a manufacturer of chairs and furniture in Brooklyn.

Public schools provided Clarence Eugene Erickson's early formal education. He attended the Brick Church Grammar School and Spring Valley High School, and was graduated from high school in 1921. He associated himself with his uncle, C. R. Townsend, who conducted a dairy business known as the "Woodside Dairy" in the town of Ramapo, and after many years of association with the elder man he took over proprietorship of the dairy business in 1923. He continues to be widely known and honored in dairy trade circles, and is one of Rockland County's well-beloved and honored citizens.

In addition to his business undertakings in this connection, Mr. Erickson is a director of the First National Bank of Spring Valley. In November, 1941, he was elected a councilman of the town of Ramapo for a four-year term, taking office in 1942 and being scheduled to continue until 1946. He is a trustee of the Brick Church School, town of Ramapo; treasurer of the Vocational Education and Extension Bank of Rockland County; a member of the board of fire commissioners, Hillcrest Fire District; a past president of the Spring Valley Rotary Club; a Past Master of Athelstane Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons (Spring Valley); and a member of the Spring Valley Dutch Reformed Church. In spare time Mr. Erickson is fond of healthful outdoor life, notably fishing and hunting. Photography and aviation are, with him, favorite hobbies. He is the holder of a private flying license.

On April 8, 1923, in Spring Valley, New York, Clarence Eugene Erickson married Olga von Helms, daughter of William von Helms. They became the parents of a son, Eugene William, born October 3, 1932, in Nyack.

SAMUEL KIGLER—American biography discloses to its students many examples of successful men like Samuel Kigler of Haverstraw and New City, Rockland County, who start life without the advantages of inherited wealth or even more than average opportunities. They, like he, seem always to have been able to overcome obstacles and turn them into the means by which they climb, and evidently have the capacity to make the most of means and ways at hand.

Mr. Kigler is a native of New York City, born on March 27, 1874, who was brought by his family to Haverstraw as a child of two years. He attended local public schools, but was still very much of a boy when he began making his own livelihood. In 1889 he went to work

for John Kauder in Haverstraw, who operated a sort of men's furnishings and general store in the city. In 1894, Mr. Kigler went to the great metropolis and spent several years in connection with the wholesale clothing business, acquiring some of the vast variety of knowledge that is at the base of successful merchandising, whether it be wholesale or retail. Returning to Haverstraw he became associated with Harry Levine, a man with whom he had been identified in New York City.

Haverstraw, in the eighteen-nineties suffered from the same financial depression that hit the whole of the United States. Samuel Kigler was not content to let his business go on to failure simply because of a lack of customers who would come to the store. Deciding that if people would not come to him, he would go to them, in 1897 he began selling dry goods, men's furnishings and a number of other articles by horse and wagon, traveling all over the eastern part of Rockland County, with an occasional excursion into the hill country beyond. People bought what he had to sell and he made money, but probably the greatest advantage he derived from his enterprise was a vast acquaintance with people, how they lived and what they wanted, a knowledge that could not be acquired across the counter in a store. He gained a world of experience just before and after the turn of the century, and in 1916 established a store at No. 51 Broadway, Haverstraw. Later he moved his establishment to No. 31 Broadway, and still later (October, 1934), purchased his present building at No. 21 Broadway, where he has since maintained his business.

Down through the years Samuel Kigler has found opportunities for wise investment in properties—he has long had great faith in Haverstraw and eastern Rockland County. To the promotion of the section's best interests he has contributed importantly, and is a popular figure in local life and affairs. Since 1896 he has been a member of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, of Haverstraw, one of those organizations that used to make records in the annual gatherings of fire companies in the Hudson River district, when fine uniforms and shiny fire equipment were the outstanding feature of these events and parades. He also is fraternally affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FREDERICK G. WEHMAN—As secretary-treasurer of The Fibre Conduit Company, of Orangeburg, Frederick G. Wehman occupies a position of leadership and high standing in this part of New York State.

Mr. Wehman was born July 9, 1887, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Henry C. and Betty (Egbert) Wehman. His father, now deceased, was long an engineer associated with the American Sugar Refining Company, in New York City. The mother, now also deceased, was a native of Brooklyn.

Brooklyn public schools provided Frederick G. Wehman's early formal education, with special training in

various business schools and college. After 1904 the family home was situated in West Nyack, where Mr. Wehman lives today. A resident of Rockland County since that year, he has had many affiliations in the business world and has come to be widely known and trusted. From 1904 to 1913, while studying at night school classes, he held various positions in New York City. On the side of study, he took his major work in accounting, along with engineering. From 1913 to 1919 he served as a statistician with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, as well as secretary to the vice-president and general manager. From 1919 to 1922 he was with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In this period as special auditor he handled claims against the United States Government resulting from Government operation of railroads. In 1922, he became associated with The Fibre Conduit Company, of Orangeburg, where he continues to the time of writing. At the outset he was appointed as purchasing agent, then was made secretary in 1935 and secretary-treasurer in 1936.

In addition to his extensive work with The Fibre Conduit Company, Mr. Wehman has concerned himself with a variety of civic affairs. He is a past president of the West Nyack Volunteer Fire Department, and formerly was president of the West Nyack Civic Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Rockland Lodge, No. 723. Fishing is one of his favorite spare-time pursuits, and he is fond of healthful outdoor recreations of many types.

In 1909, in West Nyack, New York, Frederick G. Wehman married Kathryn Wehman, daughter of August C. and Catherine (Buschman) Wehman. They became the parents of two children: 1. Robert F., born in August, 1916, at West Nyack, attended public schools here and graduated from New York University; and now is an auditor with the United States Rubber Company. 2. Ruth F., who was born in October, 1917, at West Nyack, and was graduated from public schools and a special training school, in New York City; she became the wife of F. A. MacDonnell.

MARTIN ZIMMERMAN—Noteworthy member of the business leaders of Spring Valley, Rockland County, Martin Zimmerman has long been an exemplary contributor to the progress and welfare of this community. His business is that of realty and insurance, but he has entered many phases of local life to their advantage.

He was born in Hungary, March 15, 1888, son of William and Lea (Zimmerman) Zimmerman, his father being a farmer in Europe throughout his years. Martin Zimmerman came to the United States as a young boy, having attended the schools of his native land. In America he studied at a private school in New York City, and also at the Eron Preparatory School in the metropolis for four years. His first employment was with the Hugo Lederer Bank of New York, now the Manufacturers Trust Com-

pany, with which he remained from 1906 to 1910. For the following two years he was with the American Lithographic Company, Inc., and in 1912 became associated with the life insurance business in New York City for two years. In 1914 Mr. Zimmerman purchased a farm in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. After operating it for two years he sold the place and returned to the insurance business in New York City. In 1919 he located at Nyack, Rockland County, as an agent with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where he became one of the outstanding representatives in this district.

In 1927, Mr. Zimmerman came to Spring Valley to establish a real estate and general insurance business, which he continues to operate with marked success. He is prominent in civic affairs, in 1937 becoming assessor of Spring Valley. In 1938 he was a candidate for village trustee, losing only by sixteen votes. An organizer of the Knights of Pythias in Spring Valley, he served in the capacity of district deputy for a year. He also was one of the organizers of the Spring Valley Community Center. Mr. Zimmerman is a member of the selective service advisory board of Spring Valley for World War II; vice-president of the Rockland County Realty Board, and member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, and the New York State Society of Real Estate Appraisers. His favorite recreation is golf, which he plays as a member of the Mountain View Country Club of New City.

In New York City, Martin Zimmerman married Anna Greenwold, of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenwold, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Evelyn, born in 1917, at New York City, educated in Spring Valley High School, class of 1931, and Lenox Hill Hospital School of Nursing, now serving as a lieutenant, United States Army Nursing Corps. 2. Lorraine, born in Nyack, in 1923, attended local schools and was graduated from a secretarial school, New York City; she married Seymour Postal, of Spring Valley.

ALBION VOLK—Numbered among the many prominent citizens of Rockland County who have come from all over the United States, is Albion Volk, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who has long been identified with business, politics and public activities in this section of southeastern New York. For the past several years he has been superintendent of highways, town of Orangetown, and formerly was trustee of the village of South Nyack, New York.

As indicated, he was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1901, son of William H. and Julia (Lunt) Volk, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in a Philadelphia cemetery. William H. Volk was for years connected with the express business in the Pennsylvania metropolis. His son, of this record, came to Tappan, Rockland County, New York, in 1918, and over a period of about four years was variously employed, although



Joseph Francis Acker

mainly as a steamfitter. In 1922, Albion Volk established himself in a kerosene and oil business in Tappan, selling out in about 1926 to remove to Nyack, where, from the latter year to 1939, he operated an extensive express enterprise in the community, widely and favorably known as the Volk Express Company, Inc. In 1939 he disposed of his interest in the company and returned to Tappan. In December of that year, Mr. Volk was appointed superintendent of highways, town of Orangetown, later being elected to the post which he fills with exceptional ability and efficiency in these times of war and labor shortages.

Albion Volk is a Republican, active and influential in party affairs. As mentioned, he formerly was a trustee of the village of South Nyack. Fraternally he is affiliated with Wawayanda Lodge, No. 315, Sparkill, New York, and is a member of the Nyack Rotary Club, and of the Fallsburg Fishing Club of South Fallsburg, New York, where he maintains a summer camp. He attends the Nyack Baptist Church.

On October 22, 1926, at Nyack, New York, Albion Volk married Marion Johnson Jones of this city, daughter of George C. and Susan (Demarest) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Volk are the parents of a son, Albion, Jr., born July 23, 1928, at Nyack.

WILLIAM T. KIERNAN—With that most difficult of professions, salesmanship, William T. Kiernan has been associated since the first of his business career, which began immediately after his return to civilian life from military service during the First World War.

Born in New York City, on May 30, 1898, he is the son of Thomas J., also a native of the metropolis, and Mrs. Margaret (Egan) Kiernan, now deceased. William T. Kiernan was educated in New York City schools, graduating from the Commerce High School. He enlisted for war service in 1917, and attended the Reserve Officers Training Corps, at Columbia University.

In 1919 he became a salesman for the large Ingersoll-Rand Company, continuing as such to 1922, when he set himself up in business in New York. In 1928 he entered the employ of the Coty Company, distributors of perfumes and cosmetics, as a salesman, resigning in 1933, to make what is still his connection with Houbigant, Inc., as district manager, this firm also being large distributors of perfumes and cosmetics. Like many New Yorkers, he makes his home outside the city, being a resident of New City, Rockland County, where he is relatively active in civic affairs and other features of local life. Mr. Kiernan is a member of the New City Volunteer Fire Department; of the Rockland Rifle Club, and the American Legion Post of Nanuet, of which he is past commander. He is also a member of the Rockland County Democratic Committee.

In Nyack, New York, on May 4, 1929, William T. Kiernan married Elizabeth Fritz, daughter of the late

Richard and Elizabeth (Schneider) Fritz. Her mother, born in 1874, at Bardonia, New York, died in 1925; her father, who was connected for many years with the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, died in 1943.

RICHARD J. ACKERMAN—One of the older business concerns of Spring Valley, Rockland County, is that now operated by Richard J. Ackerman, who follows in the footsteps of his father. The elder Mr. Ackerman was one of the most respected men of the community, and his son in carrying on his example to new heights, is among the outstanding figures in the younger commercial and civic circles.

Richard J. Ackerman is a native and lifelong resident of Spring Valley, New York, born March 20, 1915, son of Richard H. and Mary A. (Wieman) Ackerman, both of whom are now deceased. The father, who came originally from Emerson, New Jersey, was associated with the Harry E. Fink Drug Store for more than forty years. Richard J. Ackerman attended the grade and high schools of his birthplace, Dwight's Preparatory Academy, New York City, and the College of Pharmacy, Columbia University, also of the national metropolis. After receiving a diploma as a Graduate Pharmacist, and passing the required State examinations, Richard J. Ackerman became associated with his father, the successor to the Harry E. Fink establishment. Since the death of the elder man Mr. Ackerman has operated what is one of the outstanding drug stores in this part of Rockland County. It serves a much larger number of clients than is to be found in Spring Valley itself, for it has held a fine reputation for several generations in that section.

Mr. Ackerman is a member of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association and the American Pharmaceutical Association. He is a popular member of the Spring Valley Lions Club, attends the Dutch Reformed Church, and is liberal in the support of religious and charitable works.

On December 1, 1936, at Brooklyn, New York, Richard J. Ackerman married Annette Louise Gardner, daughter of Henry E. and Lillian (Cooper) Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman are the parents of a daughter, Susan June, born October 10, 1941, at Utica, New York.

JOSEPH FRANCIS HAHER—In a striking career that has included a variety of occupations both in and out of the United States, Joseph F. Haher has attained repute as a lawyer and citizen of Haverstraw, Rockland County. He was born May 17, 1891, at Grassy Point, town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, son of Michael J. and Elizabeth (Morgan) Haher, both of whom are now deceased. His father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States and settled in Rockland County. Mr. and Mrs. Haher were the parents of six sons and a daughter; the daughter and one son are deceased. Three of the sons, James, Thomas and Vincent

served in the United States military forces during the First World War. Two other sons, Elmer and Lewis served their country in World War II.

As the oldest son of this family, Joseph F. Ha her, because of family circumstances, began earning some of his living expenses at the age of thirteen years, working at local brickyards during vacations and Saturdays, while going to public schools. When he graduated from high school with the highest general average it was a truly great achievement won under disheartening conditions. Later he was to become something of a linguist, being especially proficient in Spanish. Matriculating at the New York Law School he earned the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He also pursued courses in the Columbia University Extension School.

In 1916 Joseph F. Ha her went to Santiago, Chile, where he was secretary to the general manager of the International Machinery Company, a subsidiary of W. R. Grace & Company, remaining until 1921. Returning to the United States he became secretary to George Gordon Battle, Wall Street lawyer, gaining a great deal of experience from 1922 to 1926. In 1926 he was admitted to the New York State bar and initiated a general practice of his profession in Haverstraw. He has been village attorney of both Haverstraw and West Haverstraw, and also attorney for the town of Haverstraw and is a high ranking lawyer among associates and clients. Mr. Ha her is an associate member of the New York County Lawyers Association, and a member of the board of trustees, Rockland County Bar Association.

Mr. Ha her is sole stockholder and president of the "Rockland County Messenger," the oldest weekly newspaper in Rockland County, established in 1846 by Robert Marshall, which immediately grew and became a source of power when he took over. A Democrat in his political affiliation he is prominent in that party's affairs and councils. From 1929 to 1941 he was a member of the Haverstraw School Board, serving as president from 1933 to 1941. In the fall of 1942 Mr. Ha her was the Democratic candidate for district attorney of Rockland County, and again, as a Democratic candidate for Assembly in a strong Republican county, was defeated. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the local draft board for World War II. His fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler, the Knights of Columbus and the Improved Order of Red Men. He attends St. Peter's Catholic Church. Mr. Ha her finds his chief recreation in swimming, tennis and handball.

On July 7, 1945, Mr. Ha her was married to Margaret S. Hogle, widow of Kenneth Hogle of Malone, New York, and the daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Huntington) Smart of Malone, New York. She was a teacher in the Haverstraw public schools and active in the affairs of the community. Her sister, Dorothy Glass, the widow of Dr. Francis A. Glass, is also a resident of Haverstraw.

Mrs. Ha her's family were early settlers of America, coming from England on the "Mayflower" and settling in New England.

PAUL A. FERRETTI—In Nanuet, Paul A. Ferretti is one of the leading business men. He is a contracting mason here, and is widely known and respected in the community.

Mr. Ferretti was born in Italy on December 13, 1885, son of Francis and Mary (Ferretti) Ferretti. His father was a miner.

Italian public schools provided Paul A. Ferretti's early formal education. Coming to the United States in 1907, he spent a short period working in New York City, as well as in Pittsburgh and South Sharon, Pennsylvania, and Youngstown, Ohio. In Youngstown he received his first papers after applying for United States citizenship. In 1909 he came to Nanuet, in Rockland County, here becoming engaged in masonry and construction work with different local contractors. In 1916 he established his own business in Nanuet, and since that time he has come to be ever more widely known as a contracting mason and a leading business man of the community. Mr. Ferretti built most of the structures, doing all the mason work, on the Adolph Zukor estate, which was formerly owned by Abraham Strauss. He also did the mason work on the Sam Katz estate.

He has taken a deep interest in local affairs here. Before coming to this country, Mr. Ferretti served his time in the Italian Army, being connected with the engineer corps there prior to deciding to come to America. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

In 1914, in New York City, Paul A. Ferretti married Rose Porrini, daughter of Louis and Mary (Margarini) Porrini. They became the parents of the following children, all of whom studied in Nanuet public schools: 1. Ellen, born January 31, 1917, in Nanuet, employed at the time of writing at the Lederle Laboratories, in Pearl River. 2. Francis, born September 15, 1919, in Nanuet, served as staff sergeant in the engineers corps in the United States Army during World War II, from January, 1941, until his discharge in August, 1945, and was stationed in Papua and the Philippine Islands. 3. Raphael, born January 3, 1921, in Nanuet. 4. Mary, born August 5, 1924, employed at the Lederle Laboratories. 5. Louise, born January 9, 1926, living in Nanuet, married R. C. Schenck, a traveling salesman of Springfield, Massachusetts. They had a son, Richard, who died at the age of four months.

NICHOLAS JOSEPH VIGGIANO, M. D.—Actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Piermont, Dr. Nicholas Joseph Viggiano is health commissioner and medical examiner of schools of this place and West Nyack.

Dr. Viggiano was born December 29, 1896, in New York City, son of Patrick and Marie (Mecca) Viggiano. His father is a retired banker.

Nicholas Joseph Viggiano attended public schools of New York City, his birthplace, working in spare time in a drug store while still very young. Subsequently he entered Columbia University, in New York, studying at the College of Pharmacy and being graduated there in 1914. He continued for a few years thereafter in the drug business, then decided to travel in Europe to study the fine arts. Touring England and the continent between 1918 and 1920, he finally accepted the secretaryship of the Army-Navy Club in Venice, Italy. Returning to the United States at a later date, he entered the College of Arts and Sciences of Fordham University, New York, where he was graduated in 1922. He continued his education by studying at the College of Medicine and Surgery, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was graduated as Doctor of Medicine and Surgery in June, 1926. There followed a period of internships at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, and the Berwind Maternity Clinic, in that city. In 1928 Dr. Viggiano accepted the post of resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the New York Foundling Hospital, in New York City. Afterward he received staff appointments at St. Vincent's and West Side hospitals, New York, then was engaged in a general medical practice in that city, beginning in 1929. His work in that connection included a special industrial appointment in compensation work with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, as well as service in the capacity of medical officer with the marine division of the Southern Pacific Lines, New York City.

In 1930 Dr. Viggiano accepted a call as company surgeon with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Corporation, in Binghamton, while at the same time he served as health officer and medical inspector of schools in Broome County, New York. In 1934 he began specializing in abdominal surgery, traveling to Europe and entering the University of Budapest, in Hungary. There he was graduated in 1936 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. In 1936 Dr. Viggiano was appointed first assistant in the surgical clinic of the University of Szeged, Hungary, under Professor Vidakovits. He was also made assistant chief surgeon of the City Hospital at Szeged, serving under Dr. Nicholas Hedry and acting as assistant to Professor Balo of the Pathologic Institute.

Coming to Piermont, New York, in 1937, Dr. Viggiano became health commissioner and medical examiner of schools here in that year. He is a member of surgical staffs at Manhattan General Hospital, Parkway Hospital and Gotham Hospital, all of New York, and serves, too, as assistant to Dr. James V. Ricci, of that city, who is clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the New York Medical College. Dr. Viggiano is also a member of the Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the New York State

Health Officers' Association, and the American Medical Association. Among his other responsibilities, Dr. Viggiano acts as examiner for the New York Life Insurance Company and the Mutual Insurance Company of New York and is a qualified medical examiner for the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene. He holds a certificate in public health from Albany Medical College.

Along with his other activities, Dr. Viggiano became the Democratic candidate for coroner of Rockland County in 1938 and again in 1941. He is a member of Wawayanda Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum and the Sigma Theta medical fraternity. He also belongs to the National Geographic Society. In spare time he likes books, symphonic music, fishing and travel as recreations. He has traveled throughout continental Europe and North Africa on two occasions, and has visited the British Isles and some of the small Atlantic islands.

In New York City, January 21, 1930, Dr. Nicholas J. Viggiano married Gladys Elizabeth Earley, a graduate nurse of St. Luke's Hospital, who was formerly associated with the Visiting Nurse Association, in New York, and with the Judson Health Centre there. She is a daughter of John Joseph and Elizabeth (Smith) Earley. Dr. and Mrs. Viggiano became the parents of two children: 1. Nicholas, Jr., born August 9, 1932. 2. Marion Elaine, born November 17, 1933.

MERRICK E. COONS—Extensively active in the conduct of business affairs in Suffern, Merrick E. Coons heads the Ramapo Valley Cider & Vinegar Company, and at the same time he is engaged in the manufacture of artificial ice.

Mr. Coons was born February 6, 1882, in Elizaville, Columbia County, New York, son of the late Nelson and Frances (Poucher) Coons. His father, a native of Elizaville, lived in boyhood on a farm, and later operated a flour mill and a general store and was a teacher. Subsequently he was engaged in the contracting business in Hudson, New York. He came to Rockland County in 1891 or 1892, settling in Pomona and taking up the operation of a flour mill. Subsequently he removed to Suffern, where he entered the lumber business and also established himself in the operation of a cider and vinegar mill. An active Methodist, he was a trustee of his congregation and formerly superintendent of its Sunday school. He continued his many activities until his death, in 1940, at the age of ninety-six years. His wife, Merrick E. Coons' mother, was a native of Clermont, New York.

Merrick E. Coons attended a public school in Hudson, New York, but left the classroom at the age of fifteen years, obtained employment with the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company, of Mount Gilead, Ohio, with whom he continued as a traveling representative from

1903 to 1923. It was in 1903 that, under his father's direction, the Ramapo Valley Cider & Vinegar Company, of Suffern, came into being. So, at his retirement from industrial life, in 1923, Merrick E. Coons entered the cider and vinegar business and continued to operate it. He still heads the Ramapo Valley Cider & Vinegar Company. In 1927 he established the artificial ice manufacturing business mentioned above, which he still operates.

In addition to his many other undertakings, Mr. Coons is president and chairman of the board of directors of the Suffern National Bank & Trust Company. He has been chairman of the board of this financial institution since 1937, and a director since 1921. Formerly he was village trustee in Suffern, as well as a member of the water board. He takes a deep interest in civic, social and fraternal affairs, belonging to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Ramapo Lodge and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He is a trustee of the Methodist Church in Suffern.

In Ellenville, New York, October 25, 1905, Merrick E. Coons married Wilhelmina Smith, of Paterson, New Jersey, daughter of the late Louis Smith, a thirty-third degree Mason, of Paterson.

ROYAL FRANCIS SENGSTACKEN, M. D., F. A. C. S.—Born at Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, August 27, 1891, Royal Francis Sengstacken, M. D., F. A. C. S., is a son of Dr. John Sengstacken and his wife, Florence (Couch) Sengstacken, his father being a prominent physician of Rockland County. After attending the grade schools of his birthplace and being graduated from high school in 1907, Royal Francis Sengstacken entered Syracuse University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. For his professional education he matriculated at Cornell University Medical School, and was graduated with the class of 1916, a Doctor of Medicine. He served as an interne during 1917-18-19 in Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

In 1920, Dr. Sengstacken came to Suffern where he initiated a practice as surgeon, and is the widely known director of surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital in this town. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Rockland Medical Society, of which he is a former president; member of the New York State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. His college fraternity is Delta Upsilon. He belongs to the Rotary Club of Suffern, and the Awosting Yacht and Country Club. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

At Suffern, New York, Dr. Royal Francis Sengstacken married Ruth Decker of Stony Point, daughter of Abram and Annie Decker, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Royal Francis, Jr., a graduate of Colgate University, now engaged in World War II service. 2. John

Edward, of Syracuse University, also now engaged in World War II service. 3. Ruth Elizabeth, a student at Russell Sage College, Troy, New York.

MILTON ARTHUR CANIFF—Widely known as a cartoonist and particularly as the creator of "Terry and the Pirates," syndicated daily serial, Milton Arthur Caniff, of New City, is at the time of writing doing a great deal of special wartime work in his profession.

Mr. Caniff was born February 28, 1907, in Hillsboro, Ohio, son of John William and Elizabeth (Burton) Caniff. His father, a native of Dublin, Ohio, was a printer by trade.

Public schools of Hillsboro, his Ohio birthplace, provided Milton Arthur Caniff's early formal education, and subsequently he attended schools in Redlands, California, after which he returned to Ohio and was graduated from Stivers High School, Dayton, Ohio, in 1925, and from Ohio State University, in Columbus, as a Bachelor of Arts, in 1930. While attending high school and college, he was employed in newspaper work, beginning his work as a cartoonist as early as 1921. He served successively on the Dayton (Ohio) "Journal-Herald," the Miami (Florida) "Daily News," the Columbus (Ohio) "Dispatch" and the Associated Press Feature Service of New York City. Later he became connected with the Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate, in New York. His "Terry and the Pirates" is a widely known cartoon, syndicated and appearing daily in a large number of newspapers throughout the country. For his professional work he was awarded the Scroll of Merit by the Dayton Art Institute.

At the time of writing Mr. Caniff does about half his work directly for syndicates and newspapers, and, in addition, a great deal for the army and navy. This specialized work never appears in public newspapers at all. Mr. Caniff is a member of the Society of Illustrators, the Sigma Chi fraternity (in which he has been honored by election as "Significant Sig"), the Players' Club of New York and the National Press Club of Washington, District of Columbia. Along with his other activities, he has contributed many drawings and articles to journals.

In Cleveland, Ohio, August 23, 1930, Milton Arthur Caniff married Esther Parsons, of Dayton, Ohio, daughter of J. H. Parsons. She attended Stivers High School, in Dayton.

REV. JOHN V. McCLAIN—It has been the lot of the Rev. John V. McClain, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Congers, New York, to have served the church never far from New York City, in the densely populated Greenwich Village area of the American metropolis and as well in the quieter sections of a country parish. He was born at Yonkers, New York, November 2, 1889, son of Patrick



George B. Hutcher

A. and Bridget A. (Bradley) McClain, both natives of County Sligo, Ireland, and both now deceased, who lie buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Yonkers.

The elder man came to Yonkers in early life, and later built a carpet works in this city. His son was sent to St. Joseph's Parochial School, and continued his education at Cathedral College, New York City, and St. Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoodie, New York. In the great St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, John V. McClain was ordained to the ministry on December 20, 1916.

Rev. McClain was assistant at St. Mary's Church, in Kingston, Ulster County, New York, from 1916 to 1919, and in September, 1919, was assigned to St. Veronica's Church, on Christopher Street, in the heart of Greenwich Village, New York City, where his parish included a wide variety of people of differing racial origins. It was a difficult assignment for the young priest, but as he taught his people the way of life and religion, he learned much that he never had known before—lessons that he put to excellent use in later parishes at St. Bernard's, downtown New York City; St. Michael's at Rockland Lake, New York; St. Theresa's at Valley Cottage, same State, and St. Paul's, Congers, New York, of which he is pastor, and greatly esteemed and honored. Fraternally, Rev. McClain is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus; he plays good golf, and is universally liked for his very human qualities, keen understanding of human nature, and devotion as a servant of God.

GEORGE B. DUTCHER—Active in the business life of Haverstraw and vicinity, George B. Dutcher is one of this community's leading citizens. Engaged in the undertaking business, he is carrying forward the old and long-established firm founded by his late father, Arthur W. Dutcher (*q. v.*), and now known as A. W. Dutcher's Sons.

George B. Dutcher was born March 28, 1885, in Haverstraw, New York, son of Arthur W. and Kezia Ida (Brooks) Dutcher and member of an old and honorable family, long prominent in Rockland County. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Anna (Ten Eyck) Dutcher. Jacob Dutcher was a livery stable and stagecoach operator in Haverstraw. The maternal grandfather was George W. Brooks, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Arthur W. Dutcher, who was born February 29, 1856, in Haverstraw, and died April 17, 1939, bought the furniture business of Leonard Cooper here on September 1, 1889, and added to it an undertaking business in 1897. Later the furniture side of the enterprise was gradually dropped, as the elder Mr. Dutcher specialized more and more in his mortuary work, which he continued, as head of this firm, for the rest of his life. On June 28, 1882, he married Kezia Ida Brooks, a native Philadelphian, who died July 21, 1925. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four survive: George B. Dutcher, head of the

Dutcher business; Leonard C. Dutcher, also associated with the firm; Mrs. Theodore Stuart, of Mahwah, New Jersey; and Mrs. Hobart McClain, of Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York.

Of these, George B. Dutcher attended public schools in Haverstraw, then studied at the Carl L. Barnes School of the Art and Science of Embalming, in New York City, where he was graduated in 1906. He served his apprenticeship as a mortician under the guidance of his late father, Arthur W. Dutcher, with whom he continued to be associated for many years. As time went on, more and more responsibilities were turned over to George B. Dutcher, who was, in the later years of his father's life, actually at the head of the business, though his father remained the nominal head. A brother, Leonard C. Dutcher, also became active in the business; he was married December 19, 1920, to Rachel M. Harding of Haverstraw; they have one son, Leonard C. Dutcher, born December 31, 1926. The two brothers have carried on operations down to the time of writing. The A. W. Dutcher's Sons Funeral Home is one of Haverstraw's widely known business establishments, and it has served the community with continued devotion down to the time of writing.

George B. Dutcher has also taken a leading rôle in public affairs in his county, of which he was formerly coroner. During the Second World War he became chief boatswain's mate in the United States Coast Guard Reserve, assigned to patrol the Hudson River from Haverstraw to Peekskill. He is interested in aquatic sports, particularly sailing, and belongs to the Haverstraw Yacht Club, of which he is treasurer. He is a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association, Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, of the Free and Accepted Masons and Haverstraw Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On August 3, 1942, in the church of St. John the Divine, at Tompkins Cove, New York, where his father was married, George B. Dutcher married Louise Wohlleber, daughter of Matthew C. and Anna B. (Fisher) Wohlleber, of Brooklyn, New York, the Rev. Walter W. Reid, also of Tompkins Cove, performing the ceremony. Mrs. Dutcher had one son by a previous marriage, Walter A. Flachs, born October 1, 1913, now serving overseas in the United States Army Medical Corps in the Second World War.

ARTHUR W. DUTCHER—One of Haverstraw's best known citizens, the late Arthur W. Dutcher spent all of his eighty-three years of life in this town, which was his birthplace. He established an enviable reputation as a civic and business leader, particularly as head of the firm of A. W. Dutcher's Sons, an undertaking establishment, and as a leader in public affairs in his community and in Rockland County. He earned the respect, admira-

tion and confidence of his contemporaries in all walks of life, and was loved by a host of friends.

Mr. Dutcher was born February 29, 1856, at Haverstraw, New York, and attended Haverstraw schools, both public and private, including the old Haverstraw Academy. Leaving school at the age of sixteen years, he was employed for two or three years in a fruit store. Then, resuming his studies, he continued for a year or two in a private school, after which, for two years, he assisted his father, Jacob Dutcher, who operated a livery stable and a stage line out of Haverstraw. His mother was Mrs. Anna (Ten Eyck) Dutcher. For a few years Arthur W. Dutcher was variously employed, and he succeeded in accumulating a small amount of capital and a fund of practical experience during that period. On September 1, 1889, he purchased the furniture business of Leonard Cooper, of Haverstraw, with whom he had been associated. Some years afterward, in 1897, he combined undertaking with his earlier furniture business, and as time went on the furniture side of the firm's activities, which had been Mr. Cooper's major concern, was gradually dropped. Mr. Dutcher concentrated his attention more and more upon his mortuary work, which he continued for the rest of his life. On September 1, 1939, had he lived less than five months longer, he would have celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as head of this one business enterprise. In later years, actually, many of the details of the business were handled by his son, George B. Dutcher (*q. v.*), who assumed the direction of affairs. Another son, Leonard Dutcher, also became a partner in the business.

Following in the footsteps of his family, whose members had long been associated in the development of Haverstraw and Rockland County, Mr. Dutcher himself became a leading Republican, a justice of the peace, and later coroner of Rockland County. He was town chairman of the Republican committee for a time. In younger years he was active in civic and fraternal affairs, too, being a member of Stony Point Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Foresters and the Improved Order of Red Men.

On June 28, 1882, Arthur W. Dutcher married Kezia Ida Brooks, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who died July 21, 1925, daughter of George W. Brooks, of that city. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Harvey A., now deceased. 2. George B. (*q. v.*). 3. Lulu M. 4. Blanche M. 5. Walter, deceased. 6. Leonard C., a partner in the undertaking business at the time of writing. 7. Ida K. Two of the daughters now survive: Mrs. Theodore Stuart, of Mahwah, New Jersey; and Mrs. Hobart McClain, of Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York.

The death of Arthur W. Dutcher, April 17, 1939, was an occasion of deep sorrow wherever he was known.

His accomplishments were outstanding, earning for him wide admiration and affection, and he will long be remembered and his memory cherished by a host of friends.

EUGENE HEIFFEL—Making a career of art, Eugene Heiffel of New City, Rockland County, and New York City, has earned a name for himself in his chosen field. He is the art director of a nationally known advertising agency. Of that generation whose academic and technical studies and planned lines were interrupted by World War I and military services rendered during that period, the militant interim contributed to a breadth of outlook and endeavor that made for eventual success, although probably not appreciated at the time. Mr. Heiffel was one of the first of the artists and writers to locate in Rockland County. After making numerous visits to this section, from 1917 on, he settled permanently in the New City area in 1937.

Mr. Heiffel was born in New York City, August 25, 1896, son of Frederick William and Katherine (Exner) Heiffel, his father being a native of Germany, and his mother of New York City. He attended public school, Stuyvesant High School, Cooper Union, and the Independent School of Art. In the meanwhile he had joined the New York State National Guard, and when trouble started along the Mexican Border, in 1917, he went to the southwest with his unit, Troop L, of the 1st New York Cavalry. Then came World War I, and he became a member of our armed forces, with Company B, 106th Machine Gun Battalion, later being commissioned second lieutenant.

When the Armistice had been signed and he eventually received his honorable discharge from the United States Army, he resumed his work as an artist, and since has risen high in his profession. He is a member of the Art Directors Club, the Cavalry Club, the Rockland Rifle Club and the Pioneer Anglers, the latter of Stony Point, Rockland County, all of which indicates the breadth of his personal interests and associations.

Eugene Heiffel married (first), in 1922, Lelia Fulton Wells. He married (second), in 1932, Elizabeth Guerard Robertson, daughter of William Ewart Robertson, of Buffalo, and Mrs. Frank Croxton, of New York City.

DANIEL A. and RUTH SINGER MILLER—Singer's Lakeside Manor is deservedly an outstanding hotel resort in southeastern New York. Although long well-known, it came especially to the fore when, in 1938, Daniel A. Miller completed a new forty-room building, modern in style, furnishings and equipment. Located in beautiful surroundings "in the heart of the Ramapo Hills," the Manor probably has no equal in its section. To Spring Valley it has contributed increased importance and prosperity.

Daniel A. Miller was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 18, 1907, son of Philip and Anna (Miller) Miller. He attended the public schools of Spring Valley and New York City, was graduated from a New York City high school, and studied at Cooper Union, New York City. For much of his business career he was a partner in Miller Brothers, dealers in builders' supplies, in Spring Valley, Rockland County. Since 1935 he has been engaged in the hotel business, as a partner of his mother-in-law, Sara Singer. As indicated, largely through his enterprise the forty-room building of Singer's Lakeside Manor was constructed and equipped in 1938. At all times the Manor has maintained excellence of service, whether in food, rooms, or provisions for practically every recreation and modern form of entertainment. The kitchen, to which Mrs. Singer devotes her personal attention, is managed according to Jewish dietary laws.

Mr. Miller has always been keenly interested in civic, business and community affairs, and coöperates heartily with organizational projects. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and has been an air raid warden during the global war.

In Spring Valley, New York, on January 7, 1933, Daniel A. Miller married Ruth Singer, daughter of Louis and Sarah (Pfeffer) Singer. One of her brothers is Harold Singer, M. D., a prominent physician of Torrington, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of a son, Louis, born in Brooklyn, New York, February 12, 1937.

Mrs. Ruth (Singer) Miller rounded out her education by becoming a student at the New York City School of Interior Decoration, and since has found ample opportunity to practice the technical training she acquired. She is especially interested in education and art, being constantly to the fore in the literary coterie of Spring Valley. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Red Cross Society, of the Spring Valley Motor Corps, of the Air Craft Warden Service, and of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Suffern Hospital. She belongs likewise to the Knights of Pythias Sisters, and both Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Jewish Community Center and the Spring Valley Chapter of Hadassah.

HARRY VAN DECKER—For many years active in business and civic affairs in Piermont and Rockland County, Harry Van Decker is plant manager of the Robert Gair Company's finishing plant in Piermont. This company is engaged in the manufacture of paper, box board and cartons, with headquarters in Brooklyn.

Mr. Van Decker was born October 9, 1895, in Paterson, New Jersey, son of John and Mary (Knowles) Van Decker and member of an old Dutch family. His father, born in Holland, came to Paterson, New Jersey, where he became foreman and superintendent of a silk mill and so continued until the close of his life. The mother resides in Paterson.

Public schools of Paterson provided Harry Van Decker's early formal education, and after graduation from high school there he conducted his own business in Brooklyn from 1913 to 1918. It was in 1918 that he first became associated with the Robert Gair Company, in Brooklyn, acting as a shipping clerk. Subsequently he was promoted to the function of production planner for the Gair company, then became supervisor of production, assistant production manager and production manager. From production manager he was advanced to plant manager, remaining in Brooklyn in that capacity until 1927. At that time the finishing plant of this company was removed to Piermont, in Rockland County, where he became plant manager of the local plant in January, 1929. The Gair company has a number of branches, and Mr. Van Decker's service to the Piermont branch has been a noteworthy one, contributing substantially to the organization's general production of paper box board and cartons.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Van Decker is a member of the Rockland Country Club and is fond of golf, which he plays on the Country Club links. He likes bowling as a spare-time recreation, and does considerable fishing.

He lives in Westwood, New Jersey.

SAMUEL J. SINGER, D. D. S.—Engaged in dental practice in Spring Valley, Dr. Samuel J. Singer is one of this community's leading professional workers.

Dr. Singer was born at Brooklyn, New York, December 4, 1912, son of the late Louis Singer and Sarah (Pfeffer) Singer. His father, who established the Singer Lakeside Manor Hotel in Spring Valley in 1925, passed from this life in 1928, and his remains were laid to rest in Hempstead Cemetery, Rockland County. The hotel that he initiated is now being carried on by his wife, the mother of Dr. Singer.

Dr. Samuel J. Singer came with his family to Spring Valley in 1920, and here he attended school and was graduated from high school in 1929. He afterward became a student at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York, and in 1935 received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the dental school of the University of Pennsylvania. From 1936 to 1938 he was a surgeon dentist in New York City, then took up a general practice of dentistry in Spring Valley in 1938.

Continuing this work down to the time of writing, Dr. Singer is a member of the Ninth District Dental Society, the New York State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He belongs to the Alpha Omega dental fraternity, and is active in the Mountain View Golf Club of New City. Golf is one of his favorite recreations.

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1938, Dr. Samuel J. Singer married Betty Joseph, of that city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Joseph.

WARREN H. WALDRON—In the years of an active career Warren H. Waldron has become one of the most esteemed and admired citizens of Sloatsburg, Rockland County, of which place he is a native and life-long resident. He has been a funeral director in the town for half a century; was for many years also a building contractor, and throughout his career has been constantly to the fore in promoting the development of the community and the welfare of its people.

As indicated, he was born in Sloatsburg, New York, May 14, 1867, son of John J. and Mary Jane (Beecraft) Waldron, both of whom are deceased. The mother was born in Ramapo, and the father in Haverstraw, Rockland County. John J. Waldron, a substantial citizen, was a blacksmith by trade who also followed farming and lumbering. Warren H. Waldron attended local and county schools, and in preparation for his life work studied at the United States School of Embalming, where he received his diploma in 1895. In that same year he founded his undertaking establishment, and has since been a funeral director. From 1910 to 1928, Mr. Waldron also engaged in contracting and building in this area and there are many evidences of his skill and integrity in structures in Sloatsburg and its environs.

Warren H. Waldron is a member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association, and of the Orange and Rockland Counties Funeral Directors associations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lorillard Lodge, Tuxedo, of the Free and Accepted Masons, although first initiated into the Masonic Order at Ramapo. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is well-known for his liberality in the support of charitable and religious projects.

Warren H. Waldron married (first), at Chester, New York, Elizabeth May, who died in 1929, daughter of James May, and they were the parents of a daughter: Pearl (Waldron) Willes, who is the mother of two children: Alice and Russell Willes. Mr. Waldron married (second), in 1929, at Monroe, New York, Marian Rumble, born at Barre, Ontario, Canada, daughter of John and Maggie (Waugh) Rumble. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron are the parents of a daughter, Mary Jane, born June 18, 1933. Mrs. Waldron is a graduate nurse, and was actively engaged in World War II work, particularly through the Red Cross Blood Bank, at Sloatsburg.

KURT WEILL—In the composition of music and musical plays Kurt Weill, of New City and New York, has come to occupy an ever more prominent place. Collaborating with such artists as Max Reinhardt, Maxwell Anderson, Moss Hart and Ira Gershwin, he has accomplished much in his profession, some of the productions with which he has been associated having gained wide acceptance by the public.

Mr. Weill was born March 2, 1900, in Dessau, Germany, son of Albert and Emma (Ackerman) Weill. He

completed his preliminary studies, then entered the University of Berlin. Studying there and at the State Academy of Music, in Berlin, he later worked with Ferruccio Busoni and others. From an early period he was interested in the composition of operas and musical plays. "The Protagonist," his first opera, was produced in 1926. Others for which he composed the music were: "The Czar Photographs Himself," 1928; "The Beggar's Opera," same year; "Mahogany," 1930. He maintained his residence in Berlin until 1933, and lived in Paris in 1933-34, removing to New York in 1935. His ballet, "Anna, Anna," was produced in 1933. It was followed in 1934, by the musical play, "Marie Galante." Others were "Johnny Johnson," on which he collaborated with Paul Green, in 1936; "The Eternal Road," with Max Reinhardt, 1937; "Knickerbocker Holiday," with Maxwell Anderson, 1938; "Railroads on Parade," at the New York World's Fair, 1939; "Lady in the Dark," produced with Moss Hart and Ira Gershwin, 1941; "One Touch of Venus," 1943; "The Firebrand of Florence," 1945.

On January 28, 1926, Kurt Weill married Lotte Lenya. They live at "Brook House," South Mountain Road, New City.

CARLYLE PERRY HUSSEY, M. D.—Practicing medicine in Suffern since 1906, Dr. Carlyle Perry Hussey is one of this community's leading professional workers, carrying on extensive hospital activities in addition to his office practice.

Dr. Hussey was born May 13, 1879, son of Dr. Charles M. and Charlotte M. (Livermore) Hussey. His birthplace was Guilford, Maine, where his father, a native of Maine, practiced medicine for many years.

Village schools in Guilford, his Maine birthplace, provided Dr. Carlyle P. Hussey's early formal education, and after graduation from high school there in 1896, he entered Bates College. He took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Bates in 1900, and in 1904 was graduated from the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, as a Doctor of Medicine. Serving an internship in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, in Philadelphia, in 1904 and 1905, Dr. Hussey thus prepared himself in a very practical way for the years to come. In 1906 he came to Suffern, where he has continued down to the time of writing. Here he is dean of the medical profession and is generally so recognized, and serves on the staffs of Samaritan Hospital, in Suffern, and of Tuxedo Hospital.

During the First World War, Dr. Hussey served as medical examiner on the Suffern Draft Board. He has rendered many other valuable services, professionally, in his home community, and is active in the Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a past president of the Suffern Rotary Club and is affiliated,

fraternally, with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church. In leisure time he enjoys tennis, golf, fishing and other outdoor sports and recreations.

GEORGE BEACH JOLLIFFE, D. D. S.—Carrying on an extensive practice of dentistry in Haverstraw, Dr. George Beach Jolliffe occupies a position of leadership and high standing in this New York State community.

Dr. Jolliffe was born June 26, 1886, in Rockland Lake, New York, son of John Stevens and Anna (Mutter) Jolliffe. His father was a farmer, and was also engaged in the ice business in Congers. He was a member of a pioneer family of Congers, residents here for two centuries.

Congers graded schools provided George Beach Jolliffe's early formal education, and he was graduated from Haverstraw High School in 1901. After attending the New York Preparatory School, he entered the College of Dental and Oral Surgery, in New York, and in 1912 was graduated there as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. In boyhood Dr. Jolliffe worked on a farm, and also helped in winter months to harvest ice from the lakes in the vicinity of Congers. He also was employed as clerk in a general merchandising store. Starting the practice of dentistry in New York City, he came to Haverstraw a year later, in December, 1914, and here has continued down to the time of writing.

In addition to his regular office practice, Dr. Jolliffe serves as examining dentist of Local Board No. 763, in Haverstraw. He has served the selective service system professionally in both the First and Second World Wars. Dr. Jolliffe is a member of the American Dental Association, the Ninth District Dental Society of New York State, and fraternally is affiliated with Stony Point Lodge No. 313 of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Haverstraw, and with Lodge No. 877 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Psi Omega fraternity. He is active in the Rockland Country Club, and plays considerable golf there. Fishing and hunting are other favorite recreations of Dr. Jolliffe. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On February 13, 1915, in New York City, Dr. George Beach Jolliffe married Mary Helen Lyons, daughter of Charles and Mary (Corcoran) Lyons. They became the parents of the following children: 1. George Beach, born November 30, 1915, now a warrant officer in the United States Coast Artillery, enlisted December, 1940. 2. John Gates, born April 16, 1919, died in August, 1925. 3. Mary Joan, born February 26, 1927. 4. Dorothy Lou, born October 4, 1928.

GUSTAV H. HEIDGERD—As president of the Monsey Water Corporation, of Monsey, Gustav H.

Heidgerd has filled an outstanding place in the life of Rockland County and this region of New York State.

Mr. Heidgerd was born June 6, 1885, in New York City, son of the late J. Herman and Anna (Dickmann) Heidgerd. His family is an old and noted one, of German origin. The father, J. Herman Heidgerd, born in Germany, came to New York City in 1866, and was engaged in textile distribution operations there throughout his active career. He established a summer residence in Monsey, where other members of his family also took up their abodes, and here the family became prominent, as it was already prominent in New York City textile circles. Two brothers, Diedrich A. and William Heidgerd, in 1869, established the woolen jobbing house of D. & W. Heidgerd at No. 274 Canal Street, New York, which flourished until 1890 and thereafter under the firm name of D. & H. Heidgerd, until incorporated shortly after World War I as D. & H. Heidgerd, Inc., which name was retained to the time of its dissolution in 1934.

New York City public schools provided Gustav H. Heidgerd's early formal education, and he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the College of the City of New York in 1903. He then became a student at Columbia University, in New York City, where he received the degree of Electrical Engineer in 1907. In 1907 and 1908 he had postgraduate studies at Columbia. Then, in 1908 and 1909, he was with the Crocker-Wheeler Company, electrical goods manufacturers, at Ampere, New Jersey. In 1909 he became associated with the textile house of D. & H. Heidgerd, as it was now known, in New York City, continuing as a partner there and as an executive of the firm until 1933. In 1926 he became connected with the Monsey Water Corporation, of which he is president and a director at the time of writing.

In addition, Mr. Heidgerd is vice-president of the Monsey Realty Corporation. He is also a member of the Columbia University Club and other organizations. He was interested in the Boy Scout movement, and particularly in "cubbing" activities in Ridgewood, New Jersey, where the family now lives. Mr. Heidgerd has two brothers, Herman Heidgerd, who was born July 20, 1887, in Monsey, Hugo D. Heidgerd, born March 26, 1889, and is now residing at Pearl River, New York, and a sister, Hermine A. Heidgerd, residing in New York City.

In New York City, January 25, 1917, Gustav H. Heidgerd married Harriet E. M. Wischhusen, daughter of George F. Wischhusen. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Anita, now Mrs. Anita (Heidgerd) Engle. 2. Elizabeth, now Mrs. Elizabeth (Heidgerd) Hendrickson. 3. Doris, now Mrs. Doris (Heidgerd) Kuenning. 4 and 5. Joan and Richard (twins). Anita was born while the family lived in New York City, and all the other children were born while the family were living in Ridgewood, the home of the Heidgerds for twenty-five years.

EDWIN FRANCIS WANAMAKER—For many years active in the business and community life of his native county of Rockland, Edwin Francis Wanamaker is a funeral director in Spring Valley, and here has performed a wide range of useful service.

Mr. Wanamaker was born June 11, 1888, in Monsey, New York, son of George W. and Catherine Ann (Beers) Wanamaker, both natives of Rockland County, New York. His father was for years active in the railway industry, and was a painter by trade.

Public schools of Monsey provided Edwin Francis Wanamaker's early formal education, and he attended high school in Spring Valley. Graduated there in 1907, he studied electrical contracting at the New York Trade School, in New York City, in 1907 and 1908, then became an electrical contractor in Monsey in 1908. Subsequently he removed his contracting establishment to Spring Valley, where he continued operations until 1929. In that year, graduating from the Renouard School of Embalming, New York City, he became a funeral director here, with quarters at No. 15 State Street, and he now serves a wide area in Rockland County and vicinity.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Wanamaker is a member of the Republican committee of the town of Ramapo. He is a vice-president of the Hillcrest Fire Company and president of the Hillcrest Civic Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Athelstane Lodge, No. 839, of Spring Valley, and he also belongs to Amity Lodge, No. 192, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (of which he is a past noble grand). He is a member of the Consistory of the Reformed Church, in Spring Valley. In leisure time Mr. Wanamaker is fond of outdoor life and healthful sports and recreations.

On October 2, 1912, in New York City, Edwin F. Wanamaker married Elvina Kragel, of that place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kragel. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Edwin George, born in 1914 in Spring Valley, graduated from high school here, and was graduated from the McAllister School of Embalming, New York City, engaged at the time of writing in work for the United States Government in furtherance of the Second World War effort. 2. Elvina M., born in Spring Valley in 1922; a graduate of Spring Valley High School and the Berkeley School of Secretarial Training in New York City; wife of Albert Day, of Spring Valley, who at the time of writing is serving in the army in the Second World War. Edwin Francis and Elvina (Kragel) Wanamaker also have one grandchild, Patricia Ann Wanamaker, daughter of Edwin G. Wanamaker, and a native of Suffern.

LLOYD O. LARSEN, M. D., and JEAN (WEST) LARSEN, M. D.—Both engaged in important medical work in Middletown, Dr. Lloyd O. Larsen and his wife, Dr. Jean (West) Larsen, are associated together

in professional activities here. Mrs. Larsen is specializing in pediatrics.

Dr. Lloyd O. Larsen was born September 22, 1908, in Denver, Colorado, son of Henry G. and Cora (Dennis) Larsen. His father is a contractor and builder in Lynwood, California.

Public schools of southern California provided Lloyd O. Larsen's early formal education, and he entered Loma Linda as a student, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1939. His wife also studied there, and both of them had a year's internship at Kingston City Hospital, in Kingston, New York, before beginning a general medical practice in Middletown in 1939. The association of the Drs. Larsen, beginning with the classmate relationship at Loma Linda, has continued in marriage and professional association together in Middletown, where their work has proven highly valuable to the community and its people and institutions.

Dr. Lloyd O. Larsen serves on the courtesy staff at Horton Memorial Hospital here, handling the obstetrical and gynecological work. Dr. Jean (West) Larsen, who was born September 16, 1913, at Pioche, Nevada, studied in Pasadena public schools and the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, receiving her degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1939, then served as resident physician in pediatrics at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. She is a daughter of Clyde Martin and Edith Josephine (Hayton) West. At the time of writing she is assistant pediatrician at Horton Memorial Hospital, in Middletown, where her husband serves, as above noted. Both the Drs. Larsen are diplomates of the National Board of Medical Examiners, and members of the Orange County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and both belong to the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Their marriage took place in 1938 in Glendale, California. They became the parents of three children: 1. Charlene, born March 17, 1942. 2. Leonard, born March 31, 1944. 3. Lauraine, born September 10, 1945.

FRANK MARTIN DORAN—As general freight agent of the New York Central Railroad, stationed in Poughkeepsie, Frank Martin Doran occupies a prominent place in the railway industry.

Mr. Doran was born October 24, 1880, in Andover, New York, son of Bernard and Bridget (Gavin) Doran, both likewise natives of Andover, and both now deceased. His father was a farmer.

Andover public schools provided Frank Martin Doran's early formal education through the high school grades. It was on December 3, 1903, that he first associated himself with the New York Central Railroad, entering the car examiner's office in Buffalo. For eight years he continued there, then came to Poughkeepsie as station manager for the railroad. In 1932 he took over his present duties as general freight agent.



Lloyd O. Larsen M.D.



Jean West Larsen M.D.





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Continuing in this capacity down to the time of writing, Mr. Doran is also widely known for his contribution to civic and social life here. He was appointed, January 1, 1940, a member of the board of public works of the city of Poughkeepsie, and became president of the board on January 1, 1941. On January 1, 1942, he was elected president of the Poughkeepsie Common Council, and on January 1, 1944, he was elected mayor for a two-year term.

At the time of writing Mr. Doran is still serving as Poughkeepsie's mayor. He has interested himself in a wide range of community activities, and is a member of Lodge No. 304 of the Knights of Columbus, Lodge No. 275 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club and the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Politically he is a Republican.

On August 23, 1920, Frank Martin Doran married Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, of Poughkeepsie, New York, a teacher in the public schools here, daughter of John and Mary (Owens) Fitzpatrick. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Frank J. 2. Rev. Vincent A.

THE SAINT AGATHA HOME FOR CHILDREN—The splendid modern institution known as The Saint Agatha Home for Children, located at Nanuet, New York, is a monument to the generosity of one John Reid of Brooklyn, and the endeavors of many devoted friends and workers down more than sixty-eight years. In 1875, Mr. Reid donated to the Sisters of Charity, a house, now known as The Little Flower House, a barn, and about seven acres of land. This together with the zealous spirit of the Sisters constituted the first assets. Sixteen children numbered the first admissions. Today (1943) the property consists of 171.8 acres—fifty-three houses and three barns. Approximately fifty acres are devoted to farming; the remaining acreage consists of orchards, woods, recreational fields, and building sites. The present capacity is 626. The location of the home is ideal, its site rising about four hundred feet above the sea level, among the rolling hills of Rockland County, with the Ramapo Mountains on the west and the Palisades of the Hudson on the east.

The home was legally founded in 1884 and during the following year was incorporated under the general laws of the State of New York. The purpose of the organization was the care, education, and maintenance of orphans and dependent children, and instruction of such children in some useful trade or business. The home is supervised by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Mount Saint Vincent-on-the-Hudson, New York City. It is situated about twenty-nine miles from the city and can be reached by bus, train, and private car. Normal dependent and neglected boys and girls between the ages of two and sixteen years are accepted and admitted through the department of welfare, New York

City, and the Children's Courts. Colored children are accepted in ratio to capacity. As this as a Catholic institution, only applications of that creed are encouraged for admission.

The institution includes a large main administration building, separate residence buildings for boys and girls; separate school buildings; boys' dining hall; children's infirmary and reception quarantine, and contagious quarantine building. There are also separate cottages for pre-school children, each accommodating thirty children between the ages of two and five years. The additional buildings are for the staff, resident employees and farm superintendent.

There are separate school buildings for the boys and girls where they may complete their education to the eighth grade. The boys are then transferred to St. Agnes Convent, Sparkill, or the Mission at Staten Island for higher education; the girls to the Dominican Convent in the city to attend the various high schools. Vocational training in domestic science, arts, carpentry, printing, and farming is taught. Large well-equipped outdoor playgrounds are provided for recreational facilities, and there is an outdoor swimming pool on the grounds, as well as picnicking and camping centers. The children enjoy movies twice monthly and also attend the pictures shown in the village playhouses. The health program is unsurpassed. On admission each child is given a thorough physical examination and the necessary protective tests. Clinics are held and follow-up work is routine. Visiting of relatives and friends is encouraged and permitted every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Children are permitted to go home on visits, especially at Christmas and during the summer vacation. The Saint Agatha Preventorium is also situated on the grounds. As the name implies, children suffering from malnutrition or who have been exposed to tuberculosis are cared for and admitted through the Hospital Admission Bureau of New York City for a period of three months. Extensions are granted for longer periods where necessary. Children between the ages of four and fourteen are accepted, irrespective of race or creed. A health building program is the essential feature; open air classes are held and conducted by teachers appointed by the New York State Department of Education. Many recreational facilities are enjoyed.

Both The Saint Agatha Home for Children and The Saint Agatha Preventorium are maintained by funds provided by the city of New York for the care and maintenance of the children, also by private donations, contributions, and legacies. The staff consists of about sixty-five Sisters of Charity and seventy lay co-workers.

CHARLES TOBACK—From Europe Charles Toback, industrialist of Newburgh, Orange County, New York, came with his parents to the New World, and with industry and enterprise entered upon a new life.

The years have brought him deserved rewards and he is one of the outstanding leaders in manufacturing in the Hudson River Valley, where he ultimately made his home and place of business.

He is the son of Bernard and Sarah (Tapper) Toback, natives of Russia, who, with their family migrated to New York, where the father was a merchant and manufacturer to the time of his death in 1916. The son of this record was educated in the metropolitan public schools and relatively early became associated with his father in business. Bernard Toback made clothing in New York City, and was moderately successful. He was succeeded in this business by his son Charles, in 1916, who after the passing of the older man, remained at its head for six years. It was at this time, more than two decades ago, that he removed to Newburgh and served as foreman for Layman, Berkowitz & Scott, for two and one-half years. In 1926 he became a member of the firm of Tishman, Funk & Toback. Ten years later he inaugurated his own establishment, which he and his three sons, Edward, Nathan and Bernard have operated since 1942, when they were admitted into partnership. This Toback corporation was a pioneer in the making of certain types of needlework in Newburgh, and has constantly improved in size and production. The plant furnishes some forty thousand square feet of floor space and has some two hundred and seventy-five people employed on the average. At the present writing ninety per cent. of their production is for the United States Army, machinery and the difficulty of securing a sufficient number of workers being the main limiting factors for additional production.

In addition to acting as an executive in industry, Mr. Toback is a depositor in the National Bank of Newburgh, the Highland-Quassiac Bank, and the National Safety Bank of New York City. He is a member of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and an active supporter of civic, business and charitable organizations. He attends the Hebrew Synagogue at Newburgh.

Charles Toback married in 1906, Ida Berman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berman and they are the parents of eight children: Samuel, serving in Europe under General Patton; Edward, Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia; Nathan; Bernard, crew chief on a B29; Martin, dentist, lieutenant (j. g.) United States Navy; Lucille, Anna and Evelyn. There are ten grandchildren, five boys and five girls.

JOHN J. ROONEY, Jr., M. D.—A medical man of Nyack and Rockland County, New York, John J. Rooney, Jr., M. D., was born at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, West Indies, son of John J. Rooney and his wife, the former Carmen Ruiz, both of whom are living. His father, a native of New York, is a retired contractor.

Dr. Rooney was prepared for college in the public schools of Mount Vernon, New York, being graduated from its high school with the class of 1925. Matriculating

at Amherst College, Massachusetts, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1929, and secured his medical training at the University of Rochester, New York, where he became a Doctor of Medicine in 1933. After serving as an interne in the Jersey City Medical Center, Dr. Rooney opened an office in Nyack, Rockland County, where he has engaged in general practice, while at the same time specializing in anesthesia.

Dr. Rooney serves on the staff of the Nyack Hospital, and from 1943-45 was coroner for Rockland County. Professional memberships include those in the Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association, American Medical Association, and the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.

In April, 1930, at Rochester, New York, John J. Rooney, Jr., M. D., married Mildred Kelley, daughter of E. W. and Marion (Hyland) Kelley. Dr. and Mrs. Rooney are the parents of three children: 1. John J., 3d, born at Rochester, New York, in 1933. 2. Elaine Elizabeth, born at Jersey City, in 1936. 3. Ronald Kelley, born at Nyack, in 1944.

MAURICE DAVE SCHASSLER—One of the popular local results of the autumn election of 1943 was the choice of Maurice Dave Schassler as superintendent of highways, town of Stony Point, Rockland County. He possessed more than twenty years of experience in road construction, has been notable in his devotion to the best interests of the town and county, and is a man of many friends and few enemies.

Mr. Schassler was born in New City, Rockland County, New York, February 21, 1904, son of Charles and Katherine (Dormann) Schassler. His father, who died at the age of eighty-five years, came originally from Germany to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when sixteen years old. Later he moved to New York City and engaged in business, and then settled permanently at Stony Point, Rockland County. Agriculture was his main interest over a long period. Mrs. Schassler, a native of Philadelphia, is now deceased and lies buried in a Haverstraw, New York, cemetery.

Maurice D. Schassler was brought to Stony Point when two years old, and was educated in its public schools, and attended Stony Point High School. His first employment of note was with the Allison Estate, at Stony Point, where he remained for several years. Since 1921, however, he has been actively identified with the road construction business, operating under his own name since 1926. As mentioned, he was elected superintendent of highways, town of Stony Point, in the fall elections of 1943, and reelected in 1945. He is a Republican in party affiliations, influential in its councils and campaigns. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Stony Point.

At Haverstraw, New York, on August 19, 1926, Maurice Dave Schassler married Anastasia Horan, born in this city, daughter of John and Mary (Long) Horan, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schassler are the parents of three children, all born at Stony Point: 1. Anastasia, born June 25, 1928. 2. Maurice, Jr., born November 10, 1930. 3. Thomas, born March 27, 1939.

JAMES FOSDICK BALDWIN, Ph. D., L. H. D.—

Educator, author and long-time professor and Professor Emeritus of History, in Vassar College, James Fosdick Baldwin, Ph. D., is especially beloved in the Hudson River Valley section of New York, as Historian of Dutchess County. His scholastic work and writings have been of the broadest character, but these have not prevented him from becoming an authority on local New York annals.

Dr. Baldwin is a native of Chelsea, Massachusetts, born in 1871, son of the Rev. Charles Jacobs Baldwin and his wife, the former Adelaide (Lane) Fosdick, both bearing names of long established New England families. His father, a Baptist clergyman, served during the Civil War with the rank of adjutant-major. In preparation for a college education, the son of this record attended Colgate Academy, at Hamilton, New York, from which he was graduated in 1888. He matriculated at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1893, a Bachelor of Arts. He became a Doctor of Philosophy in 1897, University of Chicago, and honorary Doctor of Humanities, Denison University, 1935. He was an instructor at Denison University, 1893-94; a Fellow, University of Chicago, 1895-97; and Instructor in History, 1897-1902, at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. From 1902 to 1907, he was Associate Professor of History in this institution; and then (1907) Professor of History until in more recent years he was retired as Professor Emeritus of History.

Down the years of his professorship, Dr. Baldwin has been much more interested in having his students gain a knowledge of history, engage in research and give what they learned to others, than in making a name for himself as an historian. He is, however, the author of "Scutage and Knight's Service in England," 1897; "The King's Council in England," 1913; "Select Cases Before the King's Council," Selden Society (1918) Volume XXXV; and has been a voluminous contributor to the "English Historical Review," the "American Historical Review"; the "Speculum," and many other magazines and reviews. Nearer home he is keenly interested in local history and has contributed importantly to the annals and activities of Dutchess and neighboring counties.

Dr. Baldwin is a member of the American Historical Association, of the New York State Historical Association, the Dutchess County Historical Society, serving

as vice-president; is an honorary member of the English Manorial Society; and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is a Phi Beta Kappa and affiliated with the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Like his father before him he worships in the faith of the Baptist Church. His chief recreations are music and golf.

At Ithaca, New York, in 1915, Dr. James Fosdick Baldwin married Ellen Harrington Adams, daughter of Charles Adams, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Adams, born in 1923; served in War 1943-45 as private first class, now being discharged. 2. Katharine Adelaide, born in 1934.

JACOB HILL STRONG, Jr.—With that historic and charming village of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, the entire business career of Jacob Hill Strong, Jr., has been identified. From cub reporter on the "Rhinebeck Gazette," he has made his way to editor, publisher and owner, for a number of years putting out a publication that has won high repute not only in Rhinebeck but in a wide surrounding area.

Mr. Strong was born in Rhinebeck, New York, on August 18, 1909, son of Jacob H. and Jennie Underhill (Shaw) Strong, his father a former publisher being now chiefly engaged in banking. After graduating from the Rhinebeck High School, in 1926, Jacob H. Strong, Jr., matriculated at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, where he was a student until 1928. Transferring to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, he was graduated with the class of 1930, a Bachelor of Arts.

His apprenticeship to the newspaper game was initiated as a reporter after leaving college. As he proved his worth he was given tasks of writing editorials and special articles. Since 1938, Mr. Strong, Jr., has been the owner of the "Rhinebeck Gazette," with which he began his newspaper career, and its editor and publisher.

In local affairs, Mr. Strong, Jr., is active, influential and prominent. He has been clerk of the village of Rhinebeck since 1943. Since 1939 he has been secretary of the Civic Club of the town, and began serving the New York Press Association in a like capacity in that same year. His college fraternities include Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Delta Chi. Fraternally he is affiliated with Rhinebeck Lodge, No. 432, Free and Accepted Masons, which he served as Master in 1935 and 1936; Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Lodge of the State of New York, 1937-38; District Deputy Grand Master, First Columbia-Dutchess District, 1940-41. He is especially interested in local history and is a member of the Dutchess County Historical Society. He worships in the faith of the Episcopal Church.

On January 10, 1936, at Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, Jacob Hill Strong, Jr., married Shirley Clark

Horton, daughter of James C. and Shirley (Carpenter) Horton. Mr. and Mrs. Strong, Jr., are the parents of two sons: 1. Michael Jacob, born October 28, 1936. 2. Jeffrey David, born March 23, 1942.

PIERRE HOWELL De PEW—Carrying on a private practice of law in Nyack, Pierre Howell De Pew occupies a position of high standing and distinction in professional circles in this region of New York State.

Mr. De Pew was born February 8, 1889, in Nyack, New York, son of Peter and Katharine H. (Boyce) De Pew. His father is now retired from his active endeavors.

Nyack public schools provided Pierre H. De Pew's early formal education, and he later studied at Columbia University, New York City, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Arts, and at the New York Law School, where he received the Bachelor of Laws degree, June 11, 1913. Admitted to the bar of New York State on June 11, 1917, he had several years of professional experience, then opened his own offices at No. 140 Nassau Street, New York City. Continuing to reside in Nyack, he divided his time between the two places. More recently he has centered his practice mainly in his home community. He has appeared successfully in many courts, and, in addition to carrying on a private practice, he served as village attorney in Nyack between 1930 and 1933 and as tax attorney of the village from 1935 to 1940.

In law practice and in public life Mr. De Pew has admirably served his fellow-citizens. Between 1924 and 1939 he was chairman of the law committee of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. He was justice of the peace of the town of Orangetown, Rockland County, in 1920 and 1921; a member of the New York State Assembly from Rockland County, in 1922; and police justice of Nyack after 1940. From 1924 to 1930 he was a member and secretary of the Nyack Board of Education. A Republican in politics, he has rendered useful service as a Rockland County committeeman since 1918. He was chairman of the Republican town committee of Orangetown in 1926, and from 1943 to date, and of the Nyack village committee from 1930 to 1944. He was secretary of the Nyack Republican Club from 1917 to 1921 and its president from 1921 to 1923. He also was chairman of the club's executive committee from 1923 to 1932, and is a director down to the time of writing. From 1919 to 1927 he was also active in the Union Republican Club; from 1920 to 1927, and again from 1937 to 1945, was a member of the South Orangetown Republican Club; and from 1921 to 1924, a member of the New York Young Republican Club. He is also active in the Pearl River Republican Club, the Nanuet Republican Club and the Nyack Young Men's Republican Club, and since 1934 has belonged to the National Republican Club, on whose State and Na-

tional affairs and Saturday discussions committees he has served.

In 1918 and 1919 Mr. De Pew served in the New York State Guard. His other activities have been both numerous and valuable. He was attorney for New York State Tax Commission in Rockland County, 1943. He is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, having so served since 1915. He is a former member of the Rockland Good Roads Association; the Nyack Chamber of Commerce; the Nyack Business Men's Association; the Lions Club, of Nyack; and the Alumni Association of Nyack High School. He is a member of the organization of the class of 1911 at Columbia University. He also is a past president and secretary of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association, of whose law committee he is at present chairman. He is a past member of the State Firemen's Association and a past member of its law committee. He belongs to the Exempt Firemen's Association of Nyack. He serves on the New York State Bar Association's membership committee, and is past president and chairman of the legislative committee of the Rockland County Bar Association. He also holds membership on the executive committee of the New York State Magistrates' Association. From 1923 to 1924 he was vice-president of the Holland Society of New York. He is a member of the Rockland County Society, Rockland Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Grant Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Victory Temple No. 58 of the Pythian Sisters; Hudson View Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Rockland County Chapter No. 371 of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was formerly a member of Haverstraw Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Onoko Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a deacon of the First Reformed Church of Nyack from 1914 to 1918. Present affiliations also include Mazeppa Engine Company and the Nyack Rotary Club, as well as the Rockland County Society.

ERVIN R. CONCKLIN—With one of the most important phases of agriculture, Ervin R. Concklin has been identified prominently over a long period. A native of Rockland County he has spent an active life in the Pomona section, skilled in his chosen vocation and constantly to the fore in the service of the community in every way possible.

He was born in Pomona, New York, in 1873, son of Josiah and Mary L. (Johnson) Concklin, both of whom are deceased, his father passing away in 1912. Their son, of this record, was given a sound education in local schools, notably District School No. 10, Ramapo Township, and the Chappaqua Mountain Institute of Chappaqua, Westchester County, New York. Reared on a farm he early became acquainted with the advantages and diffi-

culties of agriculture, and chose to make a career in this field of endeavor. He not only has been a witness of a tremendous advance in farming, but has participated actively in the adoption of new ideas and methods, as time and circumstance required.

Originally the Concklin estate comprised more than four hundred acres, conducted along the line of general crops and dairying. The extensive woodlots on the place and cordwood for use in the not distant brickyards, were a large source of winter income. Horticulture has long been to the fore and the place which now consists of 276 acres has a thousand apple trees on it, about the same number of peach trees, and other fruits and berries are not neglected. The advantages of the New York City market are utilized, although every means of sale are used in the distribution of the farm's products.

Mr. Concklin has been a member of the Rockland County Farm Bureau since its inception more than a quarter of a century ago, and has served in a number of official capacities. He has been a member of the executive committee of the organization since it was established. With many community activities he has been constructively associated down the years. While of the Quaker faith, he attends the Presbyterian Church with his family.

On May 18, 1904, at Pomona, New York, Ervin Concklin married, by the Quaker ceremony, Leah H. Miller, born in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Joseph G. and Isabella (Thomson) Miller. Her father, who is a farmer, moved to Pomona about 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Concklin are the parents of the following children, all born at Pomona: 1. Isabelle, born August 30, 1905, a graduate of District School No. 10, Spring Valley High School, and the New York State Normal School at New Paltz. Prior to her marriage in 1940, to Rev. August Roeandt, she taught school in Rockland County. They have a daughter, Elsie, born in January, 1945. 2. Eleanor, born in January, 1907, educated in District School No. 10, and Spring Valley High School; secretary for the Rockland County Farm Bureau for seven years. She married Mr. McCleery and is the mother of a daughter, Jean A., born at Teaneck, New Jersey, in May, 1940. 3. Margaret E., born August 12, 1908; a graduate of District School No. 10, Spring Valley High, and State Normal School; also Columbia Teachers College; now a teacher of Rockland County schools. She married Mr. Schultz, of Spring Valley, and they have two children: Theodore L., born in November, 1940, and Beverly L., born in July, 1943. 4. Mildred L., born August 30, 1910; a graduate of District School No. 10, and Spring Valley High School. In May, 1935, she married Mr. Gunnerson, and is the mother of five children: Jane, born in May, 1936; Kenneth H., born in June, 1937; Norman, born in November, 1939, Caroline, born in November, 1942; Douglas, born in November, 1944. 5. Josiah Raymond, born in October, 1912. After gradu-

ating from District School No. 10, and Spring Valley High School, he matriculated at Cornell University School of Agriculture, from which he graduated in 1934; now engaged in carrying on the duties of the farm and orchard with his father. He is a member of the executive board of Rockland County Farm Bureau. In July, 1943, he married Ardelle Emerick, of West Camp, Ulster County, New York. They have a son born June 4, 1944, named Peter Raymond.

BART C. Van INGEN—Since young manhood Bart C. Van Ingen has been an educator, the successive steps in his career being that of principal of the high school of Northville, principal of the Norwich High School, superintendent of schools at Frankfort, and in recent years superintendent of schools at Kingston, all in New York State.

Superintendent Van Ingen was born at Penfield, Monroe County, New York, son of Huibert A. and Dirkje Van Ingen, names that clearly indicate the origin and the long association with the Dutch settlers of New York State. Huibert A. Van Ingen followed farming all his life. Bart C. Van Ingen obtained his education in the high school at Webster, New York, Geneseo Normal College for Teachers, same State, and the Illinois Wesleyan University, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Arts. He also pursued postgraduate work at Cornell University, Ithaca.

In his fraternal affiliations, Mr. Van Ingen is a member of Olive Branch Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Frankfort, New York. He belongs to the Kingston Rotary Club and attends the Dutch Reformed Church.

At Northville, New York, July 17, 1895, Bart C. Van Ingen married Ada Avery, daughter of Dr. A. J. and Mrs. Jennie (Jones) Avery.

MATTHEW A. DAL LAGO, M. D.—Engaged in a practice of medicine in New City, Dr. Matthew A. Dal Lago performs a highly valuable service to his fellow-citizens in this region of New York State.

Dr. Dal Lago was born December 8, 1911, in West Hoboken, New Jersey, son of Ezio and Rosalia (Porcelli) Dal Lago.

Public and high schools in his birthplace furnished Dr. Dal Lago's early formal education, and he was graduated from Cliffside Park High School in 1929. He also studied at Rutgers Preparatory School, where he finished his course in 1930, and at Rutgers University, where he was graduated in 1934. He attended the Marquette Medical School, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1938. Serving an internship at North Hudson Hospital, in Weehawken, in 1939, he was also for a time an interne at All Souls' Hospital, in Morristown, New Jersey. The family established a summer home in Nanuet in 1925. They moved permanently to Nanuet in 1932. In 1940 Dr. Dal Lago removed to New City, where

he still carries on a general medical practice. Since 1942 he has done mostly anesthesia at Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern.

His activities have extended far beyond the professional realm and into different branches of civic and social life. He is president of the New City Lions Club, and serves as school physician in New City, District No. 5, the Chestnut Grove School, Bardonia School, and Stoet School, New City. He also is a member of the fire department of New City and serves as its surgeon. He is a member of the Rockland County Medical Society, and belongs to the Parent-Teacher Association and the New City Business Men's Association.

Dr. Dal Lago married, in November, 1940, in Springfield, New Jersey, Margaret M. Kehoe, registered nurse and anesthetist at All Souls' Hospital, in Morristown. She is also treasurer of the auxiliary fire department of New City. Her parents were Thomas and Margaret (McGuire) Kehoe.

In spare time Dr. Dal Lago enjoys music as a hobby, and is a talented musician and student of music.

EMIL KLEIN, Jr.—For many years active in the life of Rockland County, Emil Klein, Jr., is superintendent of highways of the town of Clarkstown, with offices in New City. He resides in West Nyack. His long participation and experience in business affairs in this county place him in a position to bring sound businesslike policies into the management of the township highways.

Mr. Klein was born March 10, 1903, in West Nyack, New York, son of the late Emil and Theresa (Kuder) Klein. His father, who was also at one time superintendent of highways of the town of Clarkstown, was born in 1862, and for more than thirty-five years conducted the hotel at the intersection of Route No. 59 and Strawtown Road, West Nyack, later named Klein's Corner. He also kept a farm in the community and was widely known throughout the county of Rockland as an ardent sportsman. Expert with shotgun and rifle and rod, he was particularly talented at fox hunting. Each year he visited the Adirondacks with his son and Walter N. Liebert, chief of police of Clarkstown, on a deer-hunting expedition, and about 1934 he removed to the Catskills to make his home, doing a great deal of fishing and hunting in the closing period of his life and keeping a small garden and domestic stock. Punctual in his habits, he usually arose at sunrise and retired about seven o'clock in the evening, and he was well loved in Rockland County and in the Catskill community where he later resided.

Emil Klein, Jr., attended West Nyack public schools and Haverstraw High School, then was employed for two years at home. In 1926 he entered the road contracting and trucking business in Rockland County, so continuing until 1935. In 1936 he was elected to his

present post as superintendent of highways of the town of Clarkstown, afterward being repeatedly reelected and so serving down to the time of writing. Doing much for highway betterment and for the furtherance of sound policies in this connection, Emil Klein, Jr., is also deeply interested in community affairs from many points of view. He is a Republican in politics and is a township policeman of the town of Clarkstown.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Klein is a deputy sheriff of Rockland County. He is deeply interested in civic matters, notably in such work as that of the West Nyack Firemen's Association and the Rockland County Conservation Association. He is a member, too, of the American Red Cross, the Sun Dial Club and Haverstraw Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Hunting and fishing are among his favorite recreations, and he also enjoys baseball and bowling.

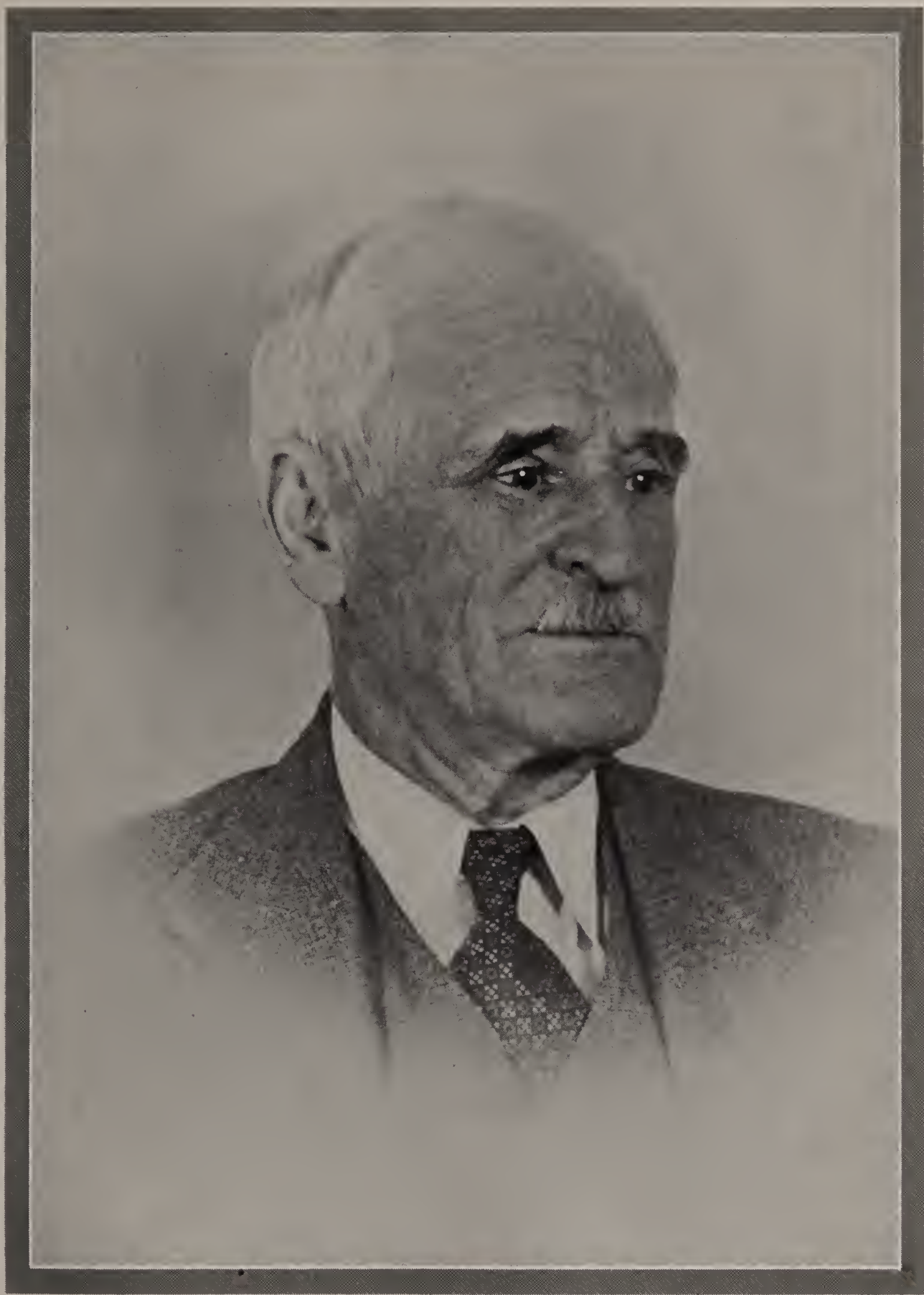
In West Nyack, New York, June 23, 1928, Emil Klein, Jr., married Lillian Phillips, of this place, daughter of Orville and Emma (Erhardt) Phillips, of West Nyack. Mrs. Klein is a member of the Parent-Teacher Association and other civic groups. Mr. and Mrs. Klein became the parents of three children: 1 and 2. Richard and Robert (twins) born in 1930, in West Nyack; Robert passed away at thirteen months. 3. Roger, born in 1932 in West Nyack.

FREDERICK WASHBURN—For more than a half-century Frederick Washburn has been active in engineering work in southeastern New York State. So engaged in Suffern since the opening years of the century, he serves also as engineer of the town of Ramapo and of the villages of Suffern and Sloatsburg.

Mr. Washburn was born March 21, 1869, in Haverstraw, New York, son of William H. and Sarah (Jennings) Washburn. His father was a carriagemaker in Haverstraw.

Frederick Washburn attended Mountain Institute, in Haverstraw, an institution conducted by Lavelette Wilson, who was Mr. Washburn's teacher. Along with civil engineering, Mr. Washburn later studied surveying, preparing himself for a professional career along these lines. For a time he was employed by Mr. Wilson, who was at the time village engineer of Haverstraw. After about five years of studying and working in association with Mr. Wilson, he became assistant engineer for Tuxedo Park in 1888, and engineer in 1891, so continuing until 1902. In that year he came to Suffern and established an engineering business which is still in operation. At the same time he serves as engineer of the town of Ramapo and for the villages of Suffern and Sloatsburg, as indicated above. He has been engineer for the village of Suffern since its incorporation.

A resident of Suffern for more than fifty years, Mr. Washburn is active in many local organizations and projects. He is a member of Ramapo Lodge, No. 589, of



Frederick Washburn



the Free and Accepted Masons and a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church of Suffern.

Frederick Washburn married (first), in New City, New York, Cecilia Wylde, who is now deceased, daughter of Henry Wylde, of that place. They became the parents of six children, two of whom survive: 1. Clifford A., born in Suffern; is general agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at Hartford, Connecticut, at the time of writing; he married Katherine Wilking, and has two children, Clifford A. Washburn, Jr., and Donald Frederick Washburn, both of Hartford, Connecticut. 2. Frances E., who lives with her father in Suffern; she is employed by the American Brake Shoe Company.

Mr. Washburn married (second) Grace M. Williams, of Brooklyn, New York, who died in November, 1943.

ODELL S. HATHAWAY—Carrying on an extensive outdoor advertising business, Odell S. Hathaway is owner of The Midport Company, in Middletown. He is also active in theatrical and real estate advertising, and public relations.

Mr. Hathaway was born February 13, 1902 son of Odell S. and Ada M. (Dunham) Hathaway. His father was a theatre owner and business man.

Odell S. Hathaway attended Middletown schools, St. Alban's, the National Cathedral School (Washington), the Kentucky Military Institute, the University of Pennsylvania, and studied law at the Albany Law School. His first employment was as office boy with the Ivan B. Nordhem Company in 1924. In the following year he became manager of the Middletown Poster Advertising Company, so serving until 1936. It was this company that was renamed The Midport Company after he became owner of the business in 1937. It was founded in 1903 by his father as the Middletown Bill Posting Company, and as such pioneered in outdoor advertising. The elder Mr. Hathaway carefully coördinated this business with the chain of twelve theatres that he owned, and from 1931 to 1936 Odell S. Hathaway managed the State, Stratton and Show Shop theatres in Middletown, so continuing through the period of his association with his father in the outdoor advertising organization. The present territory of The Midport Company covers a wide range of outdoor advertising activity in Orange and Sullivan counties.

In addition to owning The Midport Company, Mr. Hathaway is a director of Plant Owners Associated, Inc., and a trustee of the Middletown Savings Bank. He is president of the Outdoor Advertising Association of New York. He has twice served as president of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, and is a past president of the local junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also a director, and was formerly treasurer, of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce. His other activities include the presidency of the Middletown Young Men's Christian Association and the Middletown-Goshen

Convalescent Children's Home. He is a director of the Hillside Cemetery Association and the Orange County Agricultural Society. He was formerly chairman of the Middletown Republican committee. He is a member of the National Republican and the Advertising clubs, of New York, and the New York Athletic Club, and belongs to the Middletown Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Kennel Club and the Players' Club. He is a member of Delta Chi fraternity and is a vestryman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Odell S. Hathaway married, February 13, 1926, Constance Dede Tichenor, a graduate of Barnard College. They became the parents of one daughter, Constance Ann Hathaway, now a freshman at Vassar College. The Hathaways live at "Heathway," outside Middletown. Mr. Hathaway has his office at No. 12 Union Street, the headquarters of his advertising business. During World War II, Mr. Hathaway served on defense councils and as vice-chairman of the Orange County War Finance Committee for seven war loans.

MR. AND MRS. LESTER AHREND MOEHRING

—Fortunate indeed is the locality which can inspire not only the affection of native sons and daughters, but the devotion of those born outside its borders. On both counts, Ulster County is lucky in having among its residents Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ahrend Moehring of Kingston and Olive. A Brooklynite by birth, Mr. Moehring married, in Kingston, October 14, 1914, at the home of her parents at 142 Washington Avenue, Barbara L. Darling, daughter of William Wallace Darling, Jr., and Ella (Winchell) Darling, and granddaughter of William Wallace Darling, Sr., and Mary Eliza (Winchell) Darling. She is a lineal descendant of many Ulster County pioneers as well as of the old Scotch family of her father. Since their marriage, the Moehrings have spent every available vacation period, either at the quaint Victorian residence of the Darlings in Kingston, or on the ancestral homestead of the Winchell family at Brown Station in the town of Olive. This house and farm, the home of Lemuel Winchell soon after the Revolution, had of late years passed from the family ownership, but was recently re-purchased by the Moehrings. They have converted the former dwelling and country store of the Revolutionary veteran into one of the most delightful residences in the county, keeping old beams, floors and timbers intact, but adding new wings finished in the Colonial manner. A striking feature in the design of the flagged, bluestone terrace about the house, is the pattern of old millstones taken from Lemuel's mill. One of the few remaining covered bridges in the State now spans the Esopus running through the place. Formerly at Turnwood in the town of Denning, it had been condemned by the highway authorities, but was rescued by Mr. Moehring, who is a covered bridge enthusiast.

Lester Ahrend Moehring, son of William H. and Emma L. (Sievers) Moehring, was born in Brooklyn, New York, July 4, 1892. His paternal grandparents were George L. and Magdalena (Lentz) Moehring. George L. Moehring was born in Nassach, Saxe-Coburg, Germany in 1826. He arrived in America in 1850, and settled in New York City. He married there Magdalena Lentz, born in Stuttgart, Württemberg, Germany, March 4, 1830. Her parents had come to America in 1851, in a sailing vessel after fourteen weeks at sea. They settled in Poughkeepsie, New York. George L. Moehring died in Brooklyn, New York, May 19, 1889. His wife died in Brooklyn, March 19, 1915. Lester A. Moehring's maternal grandfather, Ahrend Henry Sievers, was born in Baderkesa, Hanover, Germany, and died in Brooklyn, New York, March 1, 1886. He married, in America, Marie Louise Wiedmann, born in Stuttgart, Württemberg, Germany, died in Brooklyn, April 28, 1898.

After graduating from the Brooklyn High School, Lester A. Moehring became interested in the automobile industry, then comparatively new, and took part in early automobile races held at Long Island. He became chief accountant of the Maxwell Motor Corporation in 1925, going with the company to Detroit, Michigan, and in 1927 became the comptroller of its successor, the Chrysler Corporation, and still continues in that capacity, being regarded as one of the main factors in the success of that company.

Hobbies in which Mr. Moehring is interested cover a wide range. Possibly the chief of these is farming, but art, music and various branches of Americana also occupy much of his leisure time. He is an ardent collector of early American glass, also of first editions, prints and etchings. One of the treasures of his library is the very rare first American edition of Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker's History of New York." A fine collection of early glass decanters and bottles fills many shelves in his various residences. First and limited editions along sporting and hunting lines are favorites. He is interested in small sculptures by contemporary artists.

An expert horseman, he has lately given up riding in favor of golf and bowling. He is a member of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Kingston, and a Republican. His clubs include the Detroit Athletic, the Country Club of Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, and the Kingston Club. Mr. and Mrs. Moehring have a residence at 69 Touraine Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, as well as their Ulster County residence.

Barbara L. (Darling) Moehring was born in Kingston in 1888. Her paternal great-grandfather, Henry Darling, son of William and Nellie (Hadden) Darling of Selkirk, Scotland, was born in Selkirk November 1, 1782, of an old Scots Presbyterian family, some of whom were in the book binding business in Edinburgh. Mrs. Moehring has in her possession a Bible with family

records, bound by the uncle of Henry Darling, in the above named city. Henry Darling came to this country as a young man, living first in Sullivan County, New York, but removing to Kingston in the early years of the nineteenth century. Having by that time already made a reputation for himself in stone construction and quarrying, he operated the first marble quarry in Kingston and was chosen by the authorities to rebuild the old courthouse. The central part of the present building represents Mr. Darling's work and is a fine example of the sturdy early-American architecture of the classical period. Mr. Darling was a pioneer in heading a movement to clear Academy Green of rubbish which had been allowed to accumulate there, and in restoring it to its rightful place as a park commemorating Kingston's most ancient historic site and place of the Indian treaties.

Henry Darling married, in Kingston, December 8, 1820, Elizabeth Cantine Eltinge, daughter of Thomas and Rosina (Rauch) Eltinge. Thomas Eltinge was a Revolutionary veteran, descendant of Jan Elten, who was born in Holland, in the province of Drenthe, July 29, 1632, and died in the Esopus after 1690. Through this ancestry, Mrs. Moehring traces her line back to Lieutenant George Hall, the first English Sheriff of Ulster County; Cornelius Barentsen Slecht, the brewer, and his wife, Tryntje Tyssen Bos, who came to Wiltwyck, now Kingston, from New Amsterdam in 1654; Jurian Teunisse Tappan, considered to be the ancestor of Governor De Witt Clinton; and many other Ulster County first settlers. Her Winchell ancestry includes a double descent from Robert Winchell, an Englishman, and early settler of Windsor, Connecticut, some of whose descendants came to North-east, Dutchess County, New York, before 1750. One of these, Stephen Winchell, married Mary Rouse, said to be a daughter of one of the partners of the Nine Partners patent. Their sons, James and Lemuel Winchell, after serving in the Revolution, came to Olive, where Lemuel, as previously stated, had an early gristmill, and also the first iron forge in the northern part of the county.

Through intermarriage with the Bush, Krom, Davis, De La Mater, Cool, Hogan and other families of this neighborhood, the Winchell lineage includes at least eight proved records of Revolutionary service and descent from such interesting characters as Christoffel Davis, first white man to take up permanent residence in Ulster County, noted Indian trader and interpreter, and official carrier of messages in time of war for Governor Pieter Stuyvesant; Lieutenant Gysbert Crom, who came from Pynacker, Holland, with his stepfather and mother, Jan Joosten and Maycke (Hendricks-Krom) Van Mater and settled at the New Village (Hurley) shortly before the Indian massacre of 1664; Theunis Jacobs Klaarwater, Cornelis Cornelissen Vernoy, Gysbert Cornelis Bogert, Claude De La Maitre, and many others.

Mrs. Moehring is a member of the Wiltwyck Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Dutch

Settlers Society of Albany, the Huguenot Society of America, the Ulster County Historical Society, the Woodstock Historical Society, the New York State Historical Association, and the First Dutch Reformed Church of Kingston. She has a valuable collection of printed and documentary material and early daguerreotypes relating to Ulster County and, like her husband, is an old furniture and glass collector. Taking a deep interest in the activities of the patriotic and historical societies with which she is connected, she does much, in a quiet way, to perpetuate the best features of American life and to uphold the traditions which she rightly considers of the highest importance..

WILLIAM JOHN COULTER—William John Coulter of Huguenot, Orange County, New York, and Washington, District of Columbia, by profession is an accountant, and by avocation is an inveterate lover of historical research. In our National Capitol he is an auditor with the general accounting office; in eastern New York and contiguous States, he has devoted an immense amount of his time and means to the discovery and preservation of the historic.

Mr. Coulter was born at Sparrowbush, town of Deerpark, Orange County, New York, on January 20, 1890, son of John and Carrie (Van Sickle) Coulter. His father (1860-1929), farmer, postmaster, and school trustee, traced in Ireland to Robert Coulter, born in 1775, who married Sarah Keenan. On the maternal side the genealogy goes back to Fernandus (Van Sycklen) Van Sickle (1635-1712), who came to Gravesend, Long Island, in 1652, and within eight years married Eva Antonio Jansen. The line descends through Reiner, Cornelius, Andrew, Benjamin, Thomas, William Coe—the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Carrie (Van Sickle) Coulter being Andrew Van Sickle, who married Mary Loudon.

William John Coulter, because of the failing health of his father, early left high school to help contribute to the family budget. As a boy he delivered the "Port Jervis Union," in Sparrowbush. In 1904, after a brief experience as a grocery clerk he was a reporter on this newspaper for six months. From 1905 to 1912, he was clerk, stenographer and bookkeeper with the W. H. Coonrod Company, lumber, feed and coal firm in Port Jervis. Before continuing the further business activities of Mr. Coulter consider the record of self-education he has completed. Down through the early years he was a student at the Port Jervis High School, the night school of American University, Washington, District of Columbia, the night schools of the Federal Department of Agriculture, in both of which he majored in government accounting; and he had some four years studies with the International Accounting Society.

During 1912-14, Mr. Coulter was stenographer and then chief clerk and assistant superintendent of the Standard Oil Company's field office, at Middletown, New York,

his work covering two counties. From 1914 to 1917, he was stenographer, bookkeeper and paymaster for Borden Condensed Milk Company, at Middletown; then for one year, 1917-18, he was bookkeeper, stenographer and assistant secretary and treasurer of the Bradney Machine Company, at Middletown. From 1918 to 1940, he was accountant in charge of Clemson Brothers, Inc., at Middletown, where he handled all the family affairs as well as those of the company. The period from 1940 to 1942 saw him doing public accounting and income tax work under his own name. From 1942 to 1946 he was variously employed as clerk, typist, and storekeeper, with the War Department, and auditor of war contracts and field auditor of government agencies with the general accounting office, the latter post held since November, 1943, for the duration of the war.

If a career can be divided into parts, one of these in connection with Mr. Coulter might be called social or personal. Fraternally he is affiliated with Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons of Middletown, which he entered in 1918. He likewise is a member of the Monhagen Hose Company, of Middletown, a volunteer fire company that he joined in 1919. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he has served this congregation as deacon, elder, secretary of the Men's Club, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

As already indicated the hobby of Mr. Coulter is local history and allied subjects, to which he has contributed importantly. So far as organizations are concerned, he is a member of the Long Island Historical Society, the Minisink Valley Historical Society, at Port Jervis; a charter member and third past president of the Historical Society of Middletown and the Wallkill Precinct, Middletown, of which he was president in 1936 and 1937. As mentioned, Mr. Coulter has devoted an immense amount of time and means to historical research in the eastern area of the United States. His endeavors have carried him into all the counties of southeastern New York, in the southern tier of New York counties, the nearer west New Jersey, and wherever his leads took him. From 1928 to 1942, he expended probably ten thousand dollars of his own means, and gave twenty-five thousand hours of his time to research. For seven years or more he contributed a page a week on historical items to the "Wantage Recorder" of Sussex, New Jersey, and to the "Port Jervis Union." The scope of his work is beyond the limits of a biographical sketch. To appreciate his accomplishments one must consult the Minisink Valley Historical Society in Port Jervis, the Burton Collection in the Detroit Public Library, the Historical and Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, and other historical societies from New York City to Los Angeles, California, and elsewhere. His own "Minisink and Wallkill Precinct Historical Chronicle" comprises two volumes, of the total of nineteen. He has an equal number to publish when World War II ends and life returns to normal.

On August 19, 1913, at Huguenot, Orange County, New York, William John Coulter married Bessie M. Martin, daughter of George Emmett and Carrie (Shimer) Martin. Mrs. Coulter traces her ancestry to Edward Fuller, "Mayflower" Pilgrim, and includes many notables in the New World. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Martin, born August 17, 1917, at Middletown; she is a graduate of Middletown High School, class of 1935, a graduate of New York Teachers College, New Paltz, 1939, of New York University, receiving her degree of Bachelor of Science in Education on June 13, 1945, and is now working for her Master's degree at New York University. 2. William Robert, born in Middletown, February 29, 1924, a graduate of Middletown High School, in 1942, where he was valedictorian of his class. He enlisted in the United States Army, World War II, and upon receiving his honorable discharge, served in the War Department, Washington, District of Columbia, and is now an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina, where he is majoring in English and minoring in art.

EDMUND THOMAS—Since 1914 Edmund Thomas has been engaged in business as an electrical contractor in Nyack.

Mr. Thomas was born May 20, 1896, at Fort Hamilton, New York, son of Harry H. and Anna C. (Wigley) Thomas. His father, a retired letter carrier, was the first postman to carry or distribute mail in Nyack, his work in that connection dating back to about 1900.

Nyack schools provided Edmund Thomas' formal education through the high school grades, and he early began serving an apprenticeship, such as was customary in those days, in the electrical industry. After being variously engaged along those lines, he undertook to enter the electrical business on his own account in 1914. He chose Nyack, with which community most of his career has been closely associated, as the center of these activities, and here continued his contracting efforts. During the First World War he enlisted in the army and was director of the electrical division at Camp Merritt. Since returning from that service Mr. Thomas has been continuously engaged in business in Nyack.

Here he has also interested himself in a wide range of civic and social affairs. While in war service in 1918, he joined Rockland Lodge, No. 723, Free and Accepted Masons, at Nyack. He was a member of Mazepa Engine Company of volunteer firemen for about eighteen years, a charter member and recording secretary of Hudson View Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics of Nyack, one of the organizers and served as treasurer of the Building Trades Employers Association, of Rockland County. During high school days he managed the baseball and basketball teams and upon leaving school he managed the St. Andrew's Guild basketball team. In the days of the NRA, the electrical contractors

of Rockland County organized and elected Mr. Thomas treasurer. He has served as vice-president and as treasurer of the Business Men's Association, and is a member of the chamber of commerce. Formerly he was president of the Lions Club of Nyack. He is active also in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Thomas married Helen Cotton, of Duryea, Pennsylvania. He has two children, both natives of Nyack—Evelyn and Barbara Mildred Thomas.

KURT B. BLATT, M. D.—For years Dr. Kurt B. Blatt has been active in the affairs of Haverstraw and this vicinity of Rockland County and New York State. He is active in the medical societies, and as school physician and in other public capacities he has performed works of ever-increasing value.

Dr. Blatt was born October 15, 1903, in Hamburg, Germany, son of Marcus and Betsy (Cohn) Blatt. Private schools in Hamburg furnished Kurt B. Blatt's early formal education, and he studied medicine in the famous schools of Hamburg and Freiburg, in his native land, being graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1930. He served an internship from 1930 to 1933 in his native city of Hamburg, then took a place as ship surgeon on a trip to South America. Returning to Hamburg, Germany, he subsequently received an appointment to go on an expedition to West Africa, the Cameroons. He was the physician in charge of that medical expedition. In October, 1934, Dr. Blatt came to New York City, taking the state board examinations in June, 1935, and being admitted to practice his profession in New York State.

As school physician in Garnerville, as well as at Camp Hill School, Pomona, New York, and Thiells School, in Thiells, Dr. Blatt has performed a highly important and valuable work. Formerly he was secretary of the Haverstraw Rotary Club. He belongs to the Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is affiliated with many hospitals and other medical establishments. He is at the time of writing, 1945-46, president of the medical staff of Good Samaritan Hospital, in Suffern, and the courtesy staff of Nyack Hospital. He has been physician of the county jail since 1944; and is medical advisor of the Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts of America.

On August 16, 1934, at Augsburg, Germany, Dr. Kurt B. Blatt married Frieda Einstoss. They became the parents of three children: 1. Daniel Harry, born September 10, 1937. 2. Ruth Beverly, born January 28, 1939. 3. Philip, born October 19, 1943. All three children were born in Suffern Hospital.

GEORGE W. WALLACE, Jr.—Carrying on a general insurance business in Spring Valley, George W. Wallace, Jr., is recognized as one of this community's leading citizens. His broad experience in commercial and industrial life has included work with many different



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types of organization, and he has been able to draw most helpfully upon this experience in the furtherance of his present work.

Mr. Wallace was born July 24, 1897, in Spring Valley, New York, son of George W. and Edna A. (Radney) Wallace. His father, born in Dutchess County, this State, member of a pioneer family of that district, was for more than a half century a locomotive engineer with the Erie Railroad Company until his retirement.

Public and high schools of Spring Valley, his birthplace, provided the early formal education of George W. Wallace, Jr. Afterward he took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, and was graduated there. Associating himself with the Erie Railroad Company, he served for eight months in the division freight agent's office in Jersey City. He was stationed in Jersey City for a time, from February, 1915, until July, 1916, then entered the general freight agent's office of the Southern Railway, in New York City, remaining until April, 1917. After the close of the First World War, he obtained employment in the oil industry in connection with an oil well and mine supply business in Butler, Pennsylvania, there remaining for two years. Returning to Spring Valley in 1922, Mr. Wallace was associated with the Comfort Coal & Lumber Company until 1924. From 1927 to 1934 he was with Warriner-Smith, Inc., in Spring Valley, as a sales representative.

It was in 1926 that he became associated with his brother, Edwin E. Wallace, in a general insurance business in Spring Valley, so continuing down to the time of writing. During the First World War, George W. Wallace, Jr., enlisted in the coast artillery corps of the army, serving overseas from September 25, 1918, until June, 1919, and being honorably discharged, July 2, 1919, as sergeant major, senior grade, in the coast artillery corps. Since then he has been partially incapacitated from time to time. He was, in fact, listed as completely disabled for a period totaling eleven years. He is very active in veterans' affairs, being associated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. When the Second World War created an increasingly emergent situation, Mr. Wallace became occupied with war activities on the home front. He was appointed to the Rockland County Defense Council in April, 1941, and has served as a member and as secretary of the council down to the time of writing. In December, 1941, he was named director of civilian defense in this county, and on January 5, 1942, he was made Rockland County's rationing administrator. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Spring Valley Methodist Church. Mr. Wallace enjoys reading as a pastime.

In Spring Valley, New York, August 5, 1918, George W. Wallace, Jr., married Ethel Barberie, daughter of Louis and Louise (Dunn) Barberie, natives of Brooklyn, New York. They became the parents of a daughter, Ann

D. Wallace, who was born in Nyack Hospital, February 10, 1929, and is a student at Spring Valley High School at the time of writing.

ADRIAN J. HAAR—One of the younger coterie of business men and leaders in the life and affairs of Cold Spring, Putnam County, southeastern New York, Adrian J. Haar came to this community in 1928, and since 1933 has been prominent in the insurance and realty business. As is to be expected of a man of his vocation, he is constantly to the fore in the promotion of the best interests of the communities with which he is identified.

He was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, April 6, 1909, son of Henry Philip and Irene Agnes (Hartmann) Haar, both natives of New York City, and both living. His father is by profession a master brewer, having schooled here and abroad. Adrian J. Haar received University training, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

In 1933, Adrian J. Haar entered the insurance business in Cold Spring, Putnam County. It was in the year 1935 that he acquired stockholder's interest in the well-known firm of James E. Bailey & Son, Inc., licensed insurance agents whose name was changed to Bailey-Haar, Inc., in January, 1936. In community life, Mr. Haar is relatively active and frequently to the fore. He is director of the Putnam County Health Association and serves on the board of the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross and is its former disaster and relief chairman. He was a member of the Putnam County War Price and Rationing Board, subsequently becoming its chairman. He is past judicial district chairman of the Association of New York State Young Republican Clubs, Inc., and is at present a member of its executive committee. He was scout master of the Douglas Campbell Troop No. 37 for five years. He is a member and former president of the Philipstown Rod and Gun Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Philipstown Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. His favorite recreations are hunting and fishing.

On December 24, 1933, at Cold Spring, New York, Adrian J. Haar married Helen Louise Gosman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnet Gosman of New Rochelle, New York. Mrs. Haar is laboratory technician, at the Butterfield Hospital, Cold Spring; president of the Women's Republican Club of Putnam County and vice-chairman of the Putnam County Republican Committee, and has been captain of the Cold Spring Girl Scout Troop for the past twenty years.

FRANK C. HASLACH—One of the most interesting things about Rockland County, and one not so widely known, is the opportunity it affords for the best features of country life with comparative proximity to the metropolis of the United States. Here, not many miles from New York City, there are business concerns like

that of Frank C. Haslach of Valley Cottage, where the friendly service of rural districts is combined with supplies from the immediate neighborhood and from New York City, about as attractive a condition as one can imagine in merchandising. Somehow the atmosphere of the Old World is revived in the New.

Frank C. Haslach was born in Vienna, Austria, August 20, 1895, son of Alois and Frances (Tobes) Haslach, both also natives of Vienna. They migrated to Brooklyn, New York, at the beginning of the present century, where the father became a manufacturer of those plush cases so popular in connection with the sale of jewelry, fancy pipes and the like. Their son of this account completed his education in the public schools of Brooklyn, and began making his own livelihood. He was already experienced in the butcher's trade when the United States became involved in the First World War and Frank C. Haslach entered the United States Army and gave fourteen months' service to his adopted country.

In 1922, Mr. Haslach established a meat and grocery business at Valley Cottage, Rockland County. In 1930 he built a fine and substantial block which has since housed his vigorous enterprise. It remains, despite all its growth, essentially an excellent market for groceries and meats, serving a large and approving clientele. He has been exceptionally fortunate in having his wife, the former Wilhelmina Brandenburg, as an associate and partner in the development of his noteworthy establishment. Mr. Haslach is an honorary member of the Valley Cottage Fire Company, and is also active in the American Legion. He attends Elim Tabernacle, at Valley Cottage.

On June 17, 1919, Frank C. Haslach married, at Hackensack, New Jersey, Wilhelmina Brandenburg, a native of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, daughter of William C. and Kate M. (Gallagher) Brandenburg. Mr. and Mrs. Haslach are the parents of two children: 1. John W., born at Stony Point, December 20, 1921; attended Congers grade and high schools, being graduated from the latter institution. On February 2, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces, with the rank of private and with the rank of sergeant crossed with the American convoy that invaded Africa; and served in the Italian campaign. He spent three years overseas. From Italy he was sent on to India, China and Burma. He spent forty-four months in the service receiving the Presidential citation, also seven battle stars. 2. Wilhelmina F., born July 28, 1926, at Nyack, finished Nyack High School, and has taken over charge of the grocery department and is a very capable young business lady.

GEORGE W. RETZ—As a director of A. D. Juilliard & Company, Inc., George W. Retz takes an active part in New York City business life. He makes his home in South Nyack.

Mr. Retz was born July 4, 1878, in New York City, son of Charles Henry and Anna M. Retz. Public schools provided his early formal education, and he had night courses in New York City schools. Between 1892 and 1899 he was with Sweetser, Pembroke & Company, New York jobbing house. On February 6, 1899, he became associated with A. D. Juilliard & Company, Inc., and was made credit manager in 1907, so continuing for a number of years and gaining valuable business experience. In 1921 he became secretary and a director of A. D. Juilliard & Company, Inc., one of the largest textile manufacturing houses in the country, and on March 15, 1945, he was elected vice-president as well. He is still with them as vice-president, secretary, and director.

Along with his other undertakings, Mr. Retz has rendered valuable service to his community and district as president of the village of Grandview. He has also served as chairman of the Town of Orangetown Board of Education. Among his other affiliations, he is a life member of the Rockland County Country Club, also a member of the Westchester Country Club, and a member of the executive board of the National Republican Club. He is an ex-commodore of the Tappan Zee Yacht Club. In spare time he enjoys golf as a favorite recreation.

On June 1, 1912, at Three Oaks, Georgia, George W. Retz married Lillian B. Davison, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, daughter of George Beaumont and Margaret (Thompson) Davison. They have two sons who have recently been mustered out of the service. The younger, Charles Henry, was a first lieutenant attached to the A. T. C. for a year as a pilot on foreign deliveries. He was then transferred to the China-Burma-India theatre and after making 138 missions over the "Hump" with 620 combat hours, he returned to the United States and flew C-54's with the Fireball Division at Miami, Florida. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Citation besides several other decorations. The older son, George Beaumont, was just mustered out as a sergeant from the Photographic Reconnaissance Branch of the Air Forces. He went through the African and Italian campaigns, receiving a Presidential Citation and several battle stars. He is the proud father of a boy born four days after he left for overseas.

H. HOWARD BABCOCK—As a lawyer and business leader, Hiram Howard Babcock occupies a position of high standing in New York City industrial and professional affairs and in American life today.

Mr. Babcock was born April 19, 1885, in Fleming, New York, son of Hiram W. and Ella L. Babcock. After completing his preliminary education, he entered Cornell University, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws in 1907. In 1908 he studied at the graduate school of Harvard University. Taking up the practice of law,

he became active in business life through his professional connections.

In addition to his business and professional activities, Mr. Babcock holds memberships in the Bar Association of the City of New York, and the New York State Bar Association, as well as in the American Bar Association. He belongs to the Harvard Club, in New York City, and Gipsy Trail Country Club (Carmel, New York). In spare time he enjoys outdoor recreations, notably horseback riding and golf. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Babcock married, September 2, 1908, Gladys H. Harry, of Dallas, Texas. They became the parents of one son, Hugh H. Babcock. The Babcocks reside at No. 299 Park Avenue, New York, and he has his business headquarters at No. 500 Fifth Avenue.

DR. MATTHEW JAMES SULLIVAN—Over a period of nearly four decades, Dr. Matthew James Sullivan has devoted himself to the healing art as physician and surgeon, engaged in general practice. Circumstances surrounding his youth led to acquiring formal and technical education by his own efforts, and the difficulties of student days but added to his complete attention to his studies and research and, no doubt, to his sympathetic understanding of human nature and ability to get along with people of all types under the trying conditions of the sick room and hospital. Throughout his career he has gained reputation for his untiring services to the citizens of the community, Haverstraw, with which he has been identified both as physician and progressive citizen. He has been health officer of the village of Haverstraw for a quarter of a century, but throughout this long period has been equally helpful in this department of his work in the surrounding areas.

Dr. Sullivan was born at North Brookfield, Massachusetts, June 15, 1880, son of Patrick and Winifred (Serey) Sullivan, his mother a native of Rome, Georgia. His father came from Ireland to Rome, Georgia, before the 1860s and was a Confederate soldier in the War Between the States. After the end of the conflict he located in New York City, and later went to Hartford, Connecticut, where he was engaged as a foreman on the reservoir project during the building of the water system for that city. Eventually he settled at North Brookfield, Massachusetts, where he followed farming, and where he and his wife are buried. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, the surviving members of the family being Dr. Sullivan of this record, and a sister who resides in Massachusetts.

After obtaining his preliminary education in the grade and high schools of North Brookfield, Dr. Sullivan matriculated in 1900, at Baltimore Medical College, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1904, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served an internship in Baltimore hospitals and initiated a general

practice of his profession at Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, where since 1904 he has served an ever increasing clientele. Prior to the present global war, Dr. Sullivan was associated with Dr. Mendel in operating the Universal X-Ray Laboratory, Inc. He is a past director of the Loft Candy Company of Long Island City, and a director of the Peoples Bank of Haverstraw.

Dr. Sullivan takes a keen and active interest in community affairs. He is a former school physician of Haverstraw; former physician and surgeon for the West Shore Railroad; a member of Appeal Board No. 16, World War II, covering counties including Rockland, Orange, Putnam and Dutchess; and has been health officer of the village of Haverstraw for the past twenty-five years. In his professional affiliations Dr. Sullivan is a member of the Rockland Medical Society, of which he is a past president and member of several committees; member of the New York State Medical Association; is visiting physician to the New York State Hospital at West Haverstraw, and member of the board of visitors of Rockland State Hospital. He is also head of the office of Medical Civilian Defense for the district comprising six of the adjacent towns in and about Haverstraw. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Dr. Matthew James Sullivan married (first) Katherine Allison, who is deceased; he married (second) Maude Dillon of Haverstraw.

LOUIS V. COOPER—For years active in insurance circles, Louis V. Cooper, of South Nyack, is an underwriter with the home office of the New York Life Insurance Company, in New York City.

Mr. Cooper was born October 31, 1877, in Piermont, Rockland County, New York, and attended public schools at Sparkill. When he was only fifteen years of age he obtained employment with the New York Life Insurance Company as an office boy, continuing with this same institution down to the time of writing. He has passed through different grades of service down to and including his present work as an underwriter with the company's home office.

In addition to his work here, he is active in many organizations, being a past chancellor of his lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has held membership since 1902, and a life member of Rockland Lodge, No. 723, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Rockland Chapter No. 204, and is a Past Commander of Rockland Commandery No. 75 Knights Templar. Mr. Cooper also belongs to the Order of Amaranth. He has been particularly active in the Pythian order, having been supreme representative of New York State since the year 1930-31, when he was grand chancellor. In the Order of Amaranth, too, he is active.

In 1941 Mr. Cooper was elected mayor of the village of South Nyack, a position in which he still continues. Before becoming mayor, he was a trustee of the village of South Nyack for twenty years. He is a past commodore of the Nyack Boat Club, in which he holds charter membership, and boating is, with him, a favorite pastime. Formerly he was a member of the United States Power Squardon.

On June 1, 1899, in Nyack, New York, Louis V. Cooper married Anna Oliver, a native of Fishkill, New York, who died in 1939. She was at one time matron of the Order of Amaranth and past chief and past district deputy of the Pythian Sisters. Her father was Miles Oliver. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper became the parents of the following children: 1. Kenneth, born May 12, 1900, now with the Nyack Post Office. 2. Helen, who is a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, a past chief of the Pythian Sisters, and matron of the Order of Amaranth; she became Mrs. Helen (Cooper) Hansen, wife of William Hansen, who is now deceased. 3. Charity, who became the wife of George Moser and the mother of their daughter, Ann Moser, born in 1932. 4. Anna, of West Nyack, who became Mrs. Anna (Cooper) Valligny; she was born in 1911. 5. Barbara Jane Dorland, wife of Captain Robert Dorland of the United States Army, in the Second World War, and mother of their daughter, Barbara Kay Dorland, born in 1945.

WARREN GEORGE SHERWOOD—A Lloyd townsman of broad cultural and civic interests, Warren George Sherwood has distinguished himself as expert in local Indian lore, archeology, topography, history and related subjects. He has done some teaching and a variety of work in many fields, and may be called a well-rounded human being—among his other qualities, not devoid of a sparkling sense of humor.

Mr. Sherwood was born June 25, 1901, at Lloyd, Ulster County, New York, son of Warren Bartlett and Eugenia Holland (Siddell) Sherwood. His father, a farmer, occasionally held office as a constable or was a polling clerk at elections. The parents were married on January 25, 1888, by the Rev. Mr. Hoffdecker, of Clintondale, New York.

Warren George Sherwood completed his preliminary training and was then enrolled as a holder of the University's tuition scholarship as a student at Cornell University, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923. He attended the graduate school of Cornell in 1925 and the summer session of the New York State College for Teachers, in Albany, in 1927. Since that time he has taught, and continued his own specialized studies along the lines indicated above. Those who have had occasion to work closely with his researches pay high tribute to his capacity for finding and interpreting old documents applying to his home district. He is particularly interested in the history of Lloyd Township and

vicinity, including New Paltz. In discussing his own work Mr. Sherwood says:

Career is too flamboyant a term. I'm not even business like. I make enough living to keep my soul in my carcass and use my head for my interests and hobbies. Candidly, I'm a very shiftless cuss.

Perhaps more of us would approach the fulness of our humanity if we permitted ourselves more freedom for the "shiftlessness" of Mr. Sherwood's variety. In politics he characterizes himself as a "conservative Republican." Formerly he was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in which he maintained membership from 1930 to 1933, and he served for a time as chaplain of Brainard Howell Council of that order, in Highland. He is a member of Highland Grange, No. 888, of the Patrons of Husbandry, in Highland, and belongs to the First Presbyterian Church here.

He was technical adviser to the centennial committee of the town of Lloyd in April-May, 1945.

CALVIN DeFOREST MYERS—In the newspaper business in New York State, Calvin DeForest Myers is rated as a veteran who never has lost his zest for his vocation. As editor of the "Newburgh News," and the "Beacon News," he not only holds an outstanding reputation in the Hudson River Valley section, but can look back over four decades of honest, constructive service to these communities. He is not a native New Yorker as most people think, for he was born at Wooster, Ohio, on November 4, 1878, and learned his vocation in that midwestern State as the editor and publisher of the "Wooster Evening Journal" (1898-99); and as publisher and editor of the "Zanesville (Ohio) Sunday News" (1899-1901). He came to Newburgh, Orange County, New York, shortly after the turn of the century, and since 1901 he has been editor of the "Newburgh News."

Newburgh is a historic American city that any patriot should at least visit. Its industrial and commercial record is one of many high points and low, and the job of getting out a newspaper that serves the public well and thereby retains adequate support from citizens, has not been an easy job. It is generally acknowledged, and gladly, that Editor Myers has done his work well and contributed invaluable to the development of the city with which he cast his lot in 1901.

Before Mr. Myers came to the Hudson River Valley region, he had been a member of the Ohio National Guard, fortunate in the fact that he did not lose his health or life in the Spanish-American War of his youth. In Newburgh, he is associated with a number of local organizations, such as the Hudson River Conservation Society, the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director; the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, of which he also is a director, and the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands, which he serves as vice-president. He is president of Citizens' Committee

for Social Improvement of Newburgh and Orange County, and chairman of the 1946 United National Clothing Collection. He is an honorary member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, all of which indicates the breadth of his interests and his coöperation with community projects. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mrs. Myers, writer and artist, died in 1941.

IDA CLIFTON LE ROY—For many years active in education in Newburgh and southeastern New York State, Ida Clifton Le Roy has always taken an intense interest in historical events, records and sites in this region.

Miss Le Roy was born August 17, 1856, at Northeast Center, Dutchess County, New York, daughter of Jeremiah Eckert and Mary Hulse (Carpenter) Le Roy. Her father, who lived from 1830 to 1903, was a wagonmaker and photographer and was active in public affairs, serving on election boards, canvassing for city directories and performing many other necessary functions in his community. He married Mary Hulse Carpenter, born in 1831, died in 1906. Miss Le Roy traces her descent from pioneer settlers in the Mid-Hudson Valley, all of whom were patriots. The families are: Carpenter, 1630; Le Roy, 1660; Quick, 1640; Hugo Frere, New Paltz Patentee, 1677; Van Kleeck, 1691; Parmentier, 1699; Kidney, 1735; Mackey, 1718; McVeagh, 1750; Scott, 1718.

Ida Clifton Le Roy, of this record, attended what she refers to as a private "Dame's School" for one year, and from 1865 to 1871 was a student at Newburgh Free Academy, where she later taught. She received her high school diploma in April, 1871. Through the Prang Correspondence School she had a special course in art, for completion of which she received a diploma. From 1871 to 1918 Miss Le Roy taught in the Newburgh public schools, giving instruction in the primary grades from the first through to the tenth. She specialized always in drawing and art, and later also acted as supervisor in the primary and grammar grades of the six local schools, while also giving instruction in girls' classes at the Newburgh Free Academy. At her retirement, in 1918, she was provided a fixed income through the school retirement fund system.

Always Miss Le Roy has been deeply interested in community affairs. Registered politically as a Republican, she did active work to extend suffrage to women. She has connected herself, too, with a number of organizations, including the Botany Club, for the study of wild flowers, and the Band of Hope, featuring temperance work among younger people. She is a member of the Political Study Club and chairman of the literary and historical department of the Ossoli Club, a women's organization.

History has long deeply interested her, particularly in its application to her home district. She is active in the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands. In the Daughters of the American Revolution she was

affiliated with Quassaick Chapter and served as chapter registrar and State director, and, at intervals, for a total of seven years was recording secretary for the chapter. She was also second district chairman of the national old trails committee and State chairman of the historical and literary reciprocity committee. The work of restoring "The Temple" and developing Temple Hill, at New Windsor, Orange County, as an historical shrine has long aroused her ardent interest and support, and Miss Le Roy is corresponding secretary of the National Temple Hill Association, Inc.

It was at Temple Hill that George Washington made his great anti-military dictatorship address, thereby quelling a rising discontent among officers and men which had been caused by lack of sympathy and by impotency in Congress. The National Temple Hill Association has left no stone unturned in its efforts to memorialize this historic site. It is the association's intention to build a replica of the Temple and recreate in part the Revolutionary Army's last cantonment. Miss Le Roy's associates in the official family of this association are: A. Elwood Corning, president; Lee Woodward Ziegler, first vice-president; Mrs. William M. Stanbrough, second vice-president; Edwin C. Dillon, recording secretary; Elmer H. Lemon, treasurer. As corresponding secretary, Miss Le Roy has performed a highly valuable work toward the intended restoration.

"The Temple" itself, sometimes called the "Public Building," was erected at the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Israel Evans, chaplain of the New Hampshire Brigade. It was the only edifice erected by the army during the Revolutionary War for use as a place of public worship. A spacious structure, 110 feet long and forty feet wide, it not only furnished a setting for Washington's address giving a spiritual rebirth to a republican form of government, but served as the site where the Society of the Cincinnati was organized, May 10, 1783. It was sold at public auction September 2, that year, and razed.

Around "The Temple" are numerous other sites of historic interest, including that of the hut once occupied by Revolutionary soldiers during their last encampment with Washington at Temple Hill. The hut was likewise sold at public auction in 1783 to a purchaser named Sackett. Later it passed by descent to the Mountainville family, named Hand, who owned it for 106 years. It was donated to the National Temple Hill Association in 1934 and restored to the "old camp ground." It stands today as a priceless relic of early American history. In the same vicinity stand the Isaac Belknap House, erected about 1750 and well preserved; the headquarters of Joel Barlow, poet of the Revolution, chaplain of the armed forces fighting for independence and later Minister to France; Knox's headquarters, built in 1734 by John Ellison; Denning House, where Washington visited; "Stonefield," built about 1755, one of the oldest stone houses in the region, where De Witt Clinton attended school in

1779; Sand's House, built in 1732 and in which the first slave was freed in this vicinity; and an old Indian burial ground, harking back to an American history still earlier than that recorded in documents and printed books.

In this historic atmosphere Miss Le Roy lives and has one of her major interests, and she truly lives and breathes its spirit. She is also active in Trinity Methodist Church, Newburgh.

HUGH E. WHITE—Recognized as one of Nyack's leading business men, Hugh E. White is a funeral director in this community and one of its most useful and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. White was born at Galeton, Pennsylvania, son of Earl and Jennie C. (Wilhelm) White. His father, a native Pennsylvanian, was for fifty years a funeral director in Galeton and a man prominent in all civic affairs. His mother was born at Elmira, New York, and was the granddaughter of Major Jacob Wilhelm, a Civil War hero.

The public schools of his birthplace provided Mr. White's early formal education and after graduating from Galeton High School he entered Pennsylvania State Teachers College at Mansfield. Graduating at Mansfield, he entered Pennsylvania State College to study for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. In the fall of 1922 he returned to Galeton as a teacher and athletic director, so continuing until 1926 when he became supervising principal of the Galeton borough schools.

In the spring of 1930, Mr. White came to Nyack where he purchased an interest in the funeral business of Arthur G. Lord, Incorporated. In 1936 he bought the remaining stock of this organization and continues to operate the enterprise down to the time of writing.

Being a leader in the funeral service profession, he has been very active in association work, as a past president of the Orange-Rockland Funeral Directors' Association, a member of the New York Funeral Directors' Association and the National Selected Morticians. Membership in the latter is by invitation only, and its membership is representative of the finest men in the funeral profession.

Mr. White takes a deep interest in all community affairs of Nyack, being president of the board of trustees of the Nyack schools, a past president of the Rotary Club and a director of the Nyack Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally, he is a member of Rockland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Rockland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Grant Lodge Knights of Pythias, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a member of the Rockland Country Club where golf is the chief recreation of his busy life.

In 1924, Mr. White married Miriam A. Baldwin, a native of Galeton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Daniel Nason Baldwin and Bertha (Stiles) Baldwin. They became the parents of two daughters: Miriam J., graduated from

Nyack High School in 1943 and now a student at the College of William and Mary, and Margery A., attending Nyack High School at the time of writing.

HENRY S. PATTERSON, M. D.—As a physician and as medical director of St. Luke's Hospital, Dr. Henry Stuart Patterson, of New York, has rendered outstanding service to this city and its people.

Dr. Patterson was born July 5, 1874, in East Orange, New Jersey, son of Edward and Isabella Liddon (Cox) Patterson.

He received his early formal education at the Wilson and Kellogg School, New York City, then entered Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1896. In 1900 he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University as a Doctor of Medicine. He then had internships at New York Hospital and Sloane Maternity Hospital before beginning his active medical practice.

Since that time he has continued his hospital work on an extensive scale, moreover, notably in his association with St. Luke's Hospital, where he is medical director at the time of writing. Dr. Patterson also serves as consulting physician to the Neurological Institute; the New York Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled; North Country Hospital, of Glen Cove, Long Island; Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Connecticut; the Community Hospital, of Portchester; Nyack Hospital; Tuxedo Memorial Hospital; and Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern. Dr. Patterson is a member of the New York Academy of Medicine, the New York County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. He belongs to the University Club and the Century Club, and holds membership in the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, which he joined in his student days.

Dr. Henry S. Patterson married, October 6, 1906, in Williamstown, Massachusetts, Charlotte Wise Hopkins. They reside at No. 895 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

JOHN MORRIS PERRY—Engaged in a practice of law in New York City, John Morris Perry makes his home in Nyack.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, son of John Morris and Catherine (Evans) Perry. He attended school in Brooklyn, then entered Columbia University, New York City, where he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In that year he took up his practice of law in New York. Continuing this work down to the time of writing, he is a member of law firm of Rathbone, Perry, Kelley and Drye, at the time of writing.



Jugh E. White

Mr. Perry has extensive Rockland County connections as a resident of Nyack. While in Brooklyn, he was assistant district attorney of Kings County in 1912 and 1913. Among his other duties, he serves as vice-president of the Juilliard Musical Foundation and the Juilliard School of Music. He is president of the Jarvie Commonweal Fund, a member of the Metropolitan Opera Association and other groups, and belongs to the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member, too, of the Down Town Club, the Rockland County Club and the Rembrandt Club. A Republican in his political views, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Morris Perry married, September 12, 1894, Amy V. Marder. They became the parents of two children: 1. Frances Catherine, wife of Donald B. Knight. 2. John Marder, who is now deceased.

GEORGE ELI JENNINGS—In business and agricultural life George Eli Jennings has for years figured prominently in Brewster and Patterson and throughout this region of Putnam County.

Mr. Jennings was born July 6, 1874, in Patterson, New York, son of Daniel and Alice (Seaman) Jennings. His father was a farmer.

Public schools of Patterson provided George Eli Jennings' early formal education, and he later attended Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Vermont. In 1896 he began his business career as a merchant in Patterson, but a few years later he sold the establishment and turned to farming. He still operates two farms. At the same time he retains a deep interest in Putnam County business life, notably as a trustee of the Putnam County Savings Bank, in Brewster, a position to which he was elected in 1918. In 1940 he was elected president of this bank. He is also second vice-president of the National Bank of Pawling.

Long intensely interested in public affairs, Mr. Jennings is a staunch Democrat. He was for years a member of the Democratic county committee, and he has also rendered service as a State committeeman. In 1915 he was elected a supervisor of the town of Patterson, so serving for fourteen years. He is a member of the board of visitors at Harlem Valley State Hospital and belongs to the New York State Charities Aid Association in Putnam County. He is a Quaker in his religious faith.

On August 26, 1896, in Danbury, Connecticut, George Eli Jennings married Grace Wheeler, daughter of Hiram Alonzo and Charlotte (Woodin) Wheeler. They became the parents of two children: 1. Esther, born May 23, 1898, who became Mrs. Esther (Jennings) Denison. 2. Ruth Marjory, born May 20, 1909.

FRANKLYN BABBITT THEIS, M. D., F. A. C. S.—Since 1932 Dr. Franklyn Babbitt Theis has en-

gaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Nyack, Rockland County, and is one of the best-known otorhinolaryngologists in southeastern New York. He is a native of the place, born August 4, 1904, and after exceptionally broad formal and technical education returned to Nyack to practice his profession as a specialist.

Dr. Theis was prepared for college in the Nyack grammar and high schools, being graduated from the latter in 1922. Matriculating at New York University, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1926; and from the New York Medical School, he was graduated in 1930, a Doctor of Medicine. After being an interne in Flower Hospital, New York City, he returned to Nyack in 1932, where he has since become an outstanding eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Dr. Theis is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; member of the Rockland County Medical Association, and the American Board of Otolaryngology. He is attending physician at the Nyack Hospital, and his professional fraternity is Phi Gamma Delta.

In 1930, at New York City, Dr. Franklyn Babbitt Theis married Una Ficke, a native of Englewood, New Jersey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ficke.

GEORGE J. VEITH, M. D.—In keeping with traditions of his notable profession, Dr. George J. Veith of Suffern, Rockland County, has not only practiced the art of healing but has been the cherished friend and adviser of hundreds of persons in the community. He is the second oldest, in point of length of service in Suffern and environs, although he came here as a young graduate physician only three decades ago, and since has entered constructively many phases of its life.

Dr. Veith was born in New York City, October 21, 1885, son of George and Minnie (Bolt) Veith. He obtained his preliminary education in the grade and high schools of Paterson, New Jersey, being graduated from the latter-named in 1904. Matriculating at the Long Island College of Medicine, in 1909 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served an internship (1910-1911) at the Elizabeth General Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey, and practiced his profession in this city until February, 1912. In that year he came to Suffern, Rockland County, New York, where he initiated a general practice of medicine and surgery. He joined the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, in 1913, and continued this connection over a long period. Since 1929 he has been a general practitioner of medicine in Suffern, and a psychiatric specialist. Dr. Veith is attending physician at the Tuxedo Memorial Hospital, Tuxedo, New York. He was the first school physician in Suffern (1913) and retains this same status. He is a former member of the Suffern School Board, and a present member of the Suffern Board of Health.

He is a member of the Lions Club of Suffern; member and vice-president of the board of managers of Summit

Park Sanatorium; vice-president of Rockland County Public Health Council; former secretary, Rockland Medical Society; vice-president of Ramapo Clinical Club, and past president of the Ramapo Rod and Gun Club. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and is a member of Benevolent Lodge, at Paterson, New Jersey.

In 1910, at Paterson, New Jersey, George J. Veith, M. D., married Maud Van Inwegen, daughter of James and Sarah Van Inwegen. She is a graduate of the grade and high schools of Paterson, and of the National Academy of Design, New York, where she pursued art courses. She is a member of the Women's Club of Suffern, and of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. and Mrs. Veith are the parents of three children, all born at Suffern, New York: 1. Dr. George James, educated at Western Reserve College, and Hartwick College, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, now practicing at Suffern. 2. Dorothy, graduate of Hartwick College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and Columbia University, Master of Arts. 3. Cynthia (now Mrs. Farrell), a graduate of New Paltz Normal School and New York University, Bachelor of Arts.

STEPHEN MONTEITH, M. D., F. A. C. S.—Active in the practice of surgery in Nyack, Dr. Stephen Monteith is extensively engaged in his professional work in this area, and has performed a particularly valuable service as surgeon of Rockland State Hospital.

Dr. Monteith was born November 13, 1892, in Natchez, Mississippi, son of James Clinton and Effie (Lees) Monteith. His father is now deceased. The mother lives with Dr. Monteith.

Public schools of Natchez, his Mississippi birthplace, provided Dr. Stephen Monteith's early formal education, and he later studied at the University of Mississippi. For his professional studies he went to the University of Alabama, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. There followed an internship at Gouverneur Hospital, New York City, which continued until 1922. In that year Dr. Monteith came to Rockland County, settling in Pearl River and remaining there until 1925. In that year he came to Nyack, where he continues down to the time of writing and is a surgeon at Rockland State Hospital and director of surgery at Nyack Hospital. He became visiting surgeon at Nyack Hospital in 1927, and in 1937 was made director of surgery. His service at Rockland State Hospital dates back to 1930. Since 1937, too, Dr. Monteith has been a member of the board of managers of Nyack Hospital, as well as of the board of managers of Summit Park Sanitarium.

He is a member of the public health committee of Rockland County, as well as a past president of the Rockland County Medical Society and a member of the American Medical Association. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Among his other affiliations are memberships in the Phi Chi fraternity, which he joined

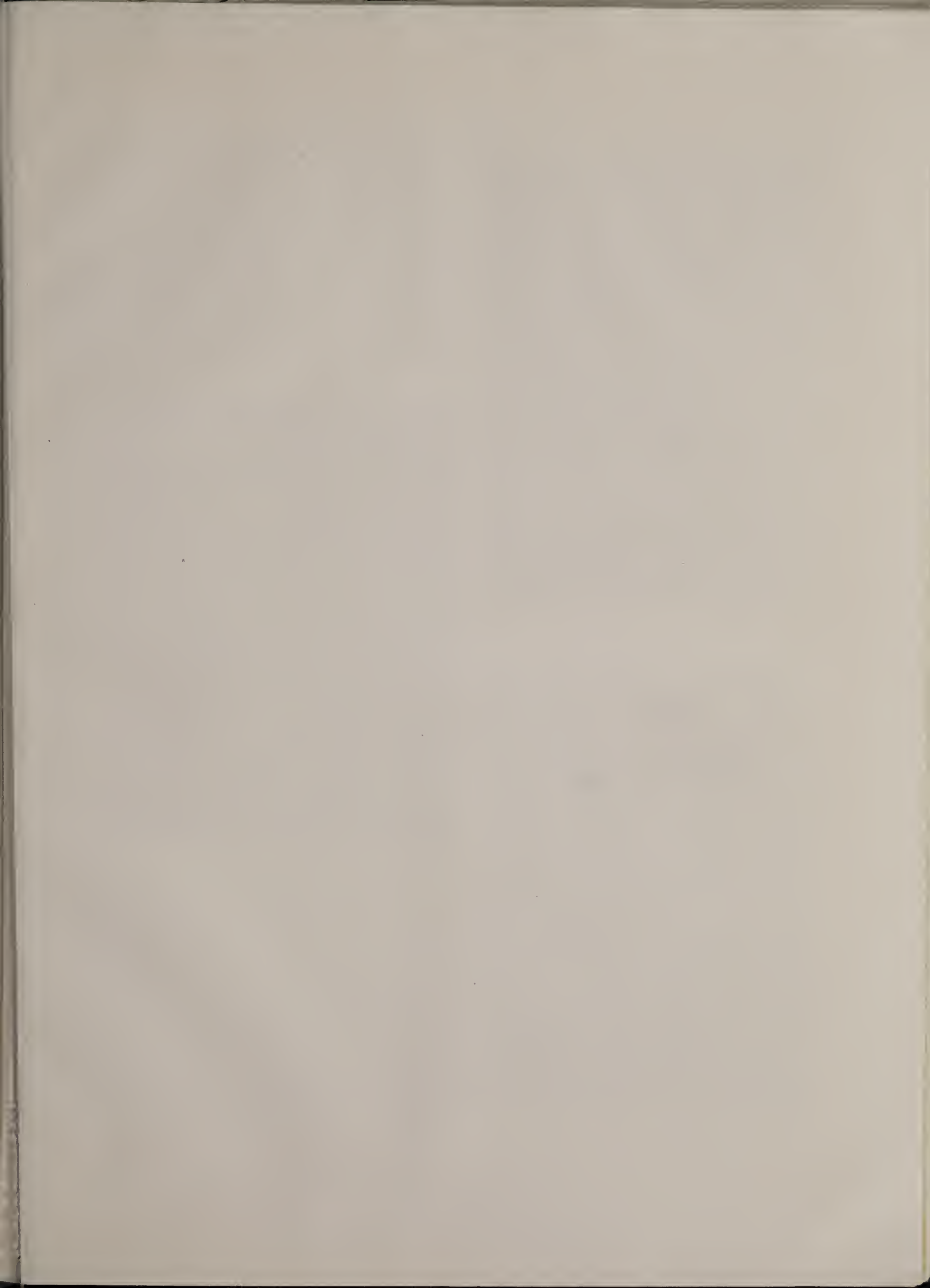
in student days. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church. In spare time Dr. Monteith enjoys the out-of-doors, particularly golf and sailing.

In New York City, March 27, 1921, Dr. Stephen Monteith married Mary Katherine Bookmiller, of Danville, Pennsylvania, daughter of a prominent Danville family. They became the parents of the following children: 1. James Clinton, born November 12, 1922, graduated from the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, then from Yale University and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, a member of the United States Naval Reserve during the Second World War. 2. Jean Hamilton, born June 5, 1926, in New York, a student at the time of writing at Ashley Hall, in South Carolina.

DR. ALBERT B. HINES—To those familiar with humanitarian activities in metropolitan New York, especially those affecting youth, the mention of the name of Dr. Albert B. Hines is sufficient to identify him as the executive director of the Madison Square Boys' Club, of New York City, and the director of the Clear Pool Camp, at Carmel, New York (*q. v.*), one of the very first organizations of its kind in the United States. Dr. Hines has been identified with both of these organizations for more than two decades, a leader in every application of that term.

Albert B. Hines is a native of Pennsylvania, born October 9, 1886, son of John A. and Margaret (Crozier) Hines, both now deceased. His father, who came originally from Scio, Ohio, was a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, merchant, who passed to his reward in 1910. Every encouragement was given to the son of this record to acquire a sound education, although to a large degree Dr. Hines paid his own educational expenses in the higher bracket. After being prepared for higher formal studies in the public schools of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny College Preparatory Academy, he matriculated at Allegheny College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. Later (1916) he received the Master's degree in arts from Columbia University, New York City, and in 1938, his *alma mater*, Allegheny College, honored him with the degree *Litterarum Humaniorum Doctor*. While a student he engaged in a number of campus activities and became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Dr. Hines wanted to help the under-privileged boys of New York City, or at least that area of it that he could serve. Since 1912 he has been very much to the fore in the work of the Madison Square Boys' Club of the metropolis, and its affiliated concerns. While not an appropriate part of a personal biography, something of the history of the Madison Square Boys' Club is proper. Its foundations are older than Dr. Hines. At the time he was born it was a mission at No. 386 Third





Clear Pool Camp, Carmel, N. D.

Avenue, New York City. When the doctor initiated his connection with the work, in 1912, it was less than a year until the club moved to private headquarters on Lexington Avenue. National depressions and World War I emergencies led to a lack of support of the humanitarian enterprise, but in 1920 fine buildings were purchased for the club at Nos. 312-14-16 East Thirtieth Street. In 1925, the Clear Pool Camp, in Putnam County, itself dating from many years before, was joined with the Boys' Club. In 1934 the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Madison Square Boys' Club was celebrated, with many notable figures in public life present. On November 7, 1937, a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria was given in honor of the quarter of a century of the service of Albert B. Hines, at which there were seated on the dias the Hon. Herbert Hoover, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Monsignor Robert F. Keegan, and many other nationally known humanitarians. The Charles Hayden Foundation has been the chief recent benefactor of the Madison Square Boys' Club, from which \$450,000 was received for a new club house, the corner stone of which was laid on November 2, 1939.

The Clear Pool Camp, at Carmel, Putnam County, dates from shortly after the turn of the century, one of the few of its kind forty and more years ago. Dr. Hines is director of the camp, and foremost in its development and services rendered. In private life he is a popular member of the Advertising Club of New York, the Gipsy Trail Club of Carmel, and the Carmel Country Club. He worships in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

In New York City, on December 27, 1917, Albert B. Hines married Margaret L. Langworthy, daughter of Pendleton and Jane (MacPherson) Langworthy.

CLEAR POOL CAMP—Not all the beautiful sections of southeastern New York are situated along the lower Hudson River Valley. The eastern part of Putnam County, with its lakes and hills and varied terrain, when taken in proximity to New York City, has attracted many settlers and visitors and is the seat of several attractive summer camps. The well-named Clear Pool Camp is one of these, probably the first in the area, and according to records, the "third oldest camp of the kind known as organizational camps" in the United States.

Shortly after the turn of the century, in 1901 to be exact, the Rev. Henry Remsen acquired some twenty acres near Carmel, Putnam County, for a summer camp for boys. This was on the property now owned by the Carmel Country Club. The land was sold at a later time and sixty acres purchased in the vicinity of the present location of Clear Pool Camp. Down through the years acreage has been added until the present camp comprises about four hundred acres. At the present

writing Clear Pool Camp furnishes accommodations for fourteen hundred boys each summer on vacations of two weeks. All equipment is modern and adequate, a lake of about ten acres in area furnishing many facilities for enjoyment and physical education. The impression it makes on young lives is best illustrated by the fact that as the boys have grown to manhood and married, this beautiful part of Putnam County has seen larger numbers of them returning to make this section of southeastern New York their home. Dr. Albert B. Hines (*q. v.*) is the director of Clear Pool Camp.

EDWYN WATKINS O'DOWD, M. D.—Although a native of New York City, and educated both academically and professionally in the universities and medical schools of the American metropolis, Edwyn Watkins O'Dowd, M. D., chose the Hudson River section of the State as the scene of his career as physician and surgeon. His activities and reputation have extended far beyond the bounds of the village to which he was brought as a child, and services are rendered upon the staffs of a number of hospitals in other places. His home is in, and his loyalty is given to Tappan, Rockland County, a community that holds the affections of all whose youth has been identified with this section.

Dr. O'Dowd was born in the Bronx, New York City, October 16, 1901, son of the late Charles William O'Dowd and his wife, Jessie Owler O'Dowd, his mother coming originally from Jersey City, New Jersey. His father was a native of Wales, who came to the United States and settled in the Bronx. His mother is hale and hearty at the present writing. Charles William O'Dowd died in Tappan, on October 1, 1941. When his son of this record, was three years old, the family removed to Tappan, New York, where all members of the group became well known and esteemed. The Welsh in our country have made a name for their people as students, thinkers and conscientious citizens, all traits that Dr. O'Dowd has inherited. He had, to a large extent, to make his own way in life and he made many sacrifices to secure higher and technical education. He attended Tappan public schools and was graduated from the Tappan Zee High School, at Piermont, with the class of 1919. In 1924 he was graduated from New York University, a Bachelor of Science, and studied at the Medical College of Bellevue Hospital, where he became a Doctor of Medicine in 1926.

The earning of two degrees was not considered by Dr. O'Dowd as an end but rather as the beginning of his preparation for his profession, and he went on to be an interne in Bellevue Hospital, the Willard Parker Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, and the Manhattan Maternity and Dispensary, all in New York City. It was therefore not until July, 1929, that Dr. O'Dowd established himself in a general practice at Tappan, New York. At all times his devotion has been centered upon the personal

clientele he has attracted during the years. Dr. O'Dowd, however, is a member of the surgical staff of the Nyack Hospital and of the Rockland State Hospital. He is school physician of the districts of Tappan, Palisades and Blauvelt (all New York schools), and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (December, 1942), and a member of the Rockland County Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Ramapo Clinical Club. He also is a member of the Selective Service Board No. 761, and the Medical Board of Examiners of his district, as well as health officer. All work and no play has never been a feature of his philosophy of life, although he is too busy with work to have much time for many of the pleasures he would enjoy. Dr. O'Dowd is a member of the Rockland Country Club, and is a good swimmer. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Wawayanda Lodge, No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons.

On November 18, 1931, at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street, Edwyn Watkins O'Dowd, M. D., married Virginia Coffey, a native of New York City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Coffey. Mrs. O'Dowd is a graduate of St. Mary's Hospital for Children, as a registered nurse. Dr. and Mrs. O'Dowd are the parents of two sons: 1. Edwyn W., Jr., born December 5, 1932. 2. Michael, born November 28, 1934.

GEORGE VINCENT DORSEY—In professional life and in public service George Vincent Dorsey has for many years occupied a position of high standing in this part of New York State. He has been serving since the beginning of 1934 as district attorney of Rockland County, and is a loved resident of South Nyack.

Mr. Dorsey was born August 29, 1900, in South Nyack, New York, son of the late George F. and Mamie (Gaynor) Dorsey. His father, a native of Nyack, operated a grocery store for a number of years prior to his death. Previously Thomas Gaynor, George V. Dorsey's maternal grandfather, conducted the store.

George Vincent Dorsey received his early formal education at St. Ann's Parochial School, and subsequently studied at Fordham Preparatory School, in New York City, and at the Catholic University, in Washington, District of Columbia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and later, in 1924, that of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of this State on October 8, 1925, Mr. Dorsey was associated in the practice of law with Thomas Gagan, of Haverstraw, from 1924 to 1931. In 1931 he entered upon his own independent practice in New York City, so continuing until January, 1934.

Mr. Dorsey's career of public service had already begun with his election as tax collector of the town of Orangetown in 1929. He was reelected to that post in 1931. It was in November, 1933, that he was elected Rockland County's district attorney, taking office on January 1,

1934. He still serves in this position down to the time of writing. A Republican, he is intensely interested in community affairs, and has aided many worthy causes through contributions of time, talent and material resources. He is fond of his community and intensely proud of it, and is a member of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and has belonged, since 1923, to the Orangetown Engine Club of South Nyack. Mr. Dorsey is also a member of the Rockland County Bar Association, of which he was formerly secretary for several years. He is affiliated, too, with the Lions Club of New City, the Knights of Columbus and St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. In leisure time he is fond of horses, particularly fine trotting horses.

On May 23, 1927, at Nyack, New York, George V. Dorsey married Marian C. Kane, a native of Nyack, daughter of the late Thomas H. and Mary (Dyer) Kane. Mrs. Dorsey is a member of the Women's Republican Club. The Dorseys became the parents of the following children, all born in Nyack: 1. Nancy, born in 1928. 2. Thomas, born in 1929. 3. Francis, born in 1931. 4. Vincentia, born in 1935. 5. Ellen, born in 1943.

RUSSELL E. BLAISDELL, M. D.—From the beginning of his medical career, Russell E. Blaisdell, M. D., has been actively identified with the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, a period of thirty-six years. He is therefore one of the oldest veterans in this notable agency in point of service although not in years as a physician and psychiatrist. For the past thirteen years he has been superintendent of the Rockland State Hospital, Orangeburg, New York. He was born in the town of Franklin, Maine, January 19, 1883, son of George R. and Anna (Orcutt) Blaisdell. George R. Blaisdell was long a quarryman and merchant, owning his own quarries and store in Maine.

Dr. Blaisdell obtained his academic education in the public schools of his birthplace, Kent's Hill School, and Wesleyan Seminary. For his professional training he matriculated at the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906, a Doctor of Medicine. During the following year he served as interne in the Maryland General Hospital, at Baltimore. Since 1907 Dr. Blaisdell has been associated with the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene. For one and one-half years he was with the Hudson River State Hospital, at Poughkeepsie; spent three and one-half years at Binghamton State Hospital, Binghamton; and was assistant superintendent at King's Park State Hospital, King's Park, for nineteen years. Since July 1, 1930, Dr. Blaisdell has been superintendent of Rockland State Hospital, at Orangeburg. He is a member of the New York Academy of Medicine, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Medical Association. Humanitarian endeavors, especially those concerning the youth of his community are of great interest to Dr. Blais-

dell. He is associated with Nauraushaun Boy Scouts, vice-president of the Rockland County Council, and attends the Methodist Church.

At Binghamton, New York, on October 28, 1911, Russell E. Blaisdell, M. D., married Sue H. Underwood, born here, daughter of James H. and Alva (Clark) Underwood, and they are the parents of two sons, both born in Binghamton: 1. Harry Underwood, born in 1914, who is a bookkeeper at Rockland County Hospital; he is married and has a daughter Susan, born in March, 1940. 2. Russell Orcutt, born in April, 1920, a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Cornell University, now a lieutenant in the United States Marine Air Corps. Mrs. Blaisdell is doing her part in the global war as an air warden in the observation tower.

WILLIAM P. HARING—Engaged in important business and financial activities in Rockland County and New York City, William P. Haring has distinguished himself as an estate manager and banker. He resides in Upper Nyack, and is widely known throughout this region of New York State.

Mr. Haring was born September 5, 1896, in Piermont, Rockland County, New York, son of William P. and Ann (Banta) Haring. His father, who died in 1935, was descended from an old Rockland County family of Dutch origin, which appeared here in the late seventeenth or early eighteenth century. The elder William P. Haring was born in Piermont, where the old Haring homestead was built in 1737 by his grandmother's family, the Onderdonks. He early became associated with the Erie Railroad Company, with which he continued for more than a half century in an executive capacity.

His son, the younger William P. Haring, attended public schools in Piermont, and was graduated from high school there in 1913 as valedictorian of his class. In that year he entered upon his work in banking, associating himself with the National City Bank and so continuing, in New York City, until 1915. He then joined forces with Percy Pyne and Henry R. Taylor, New York capitalists, and remained with them until 1925, active all the while in financial affairs. He then became estate manager for the estate of the late Henry R. Taylor, with which he continues down to the time of writing. Between 1935 and 1939 he was a partner in a stock brokerage house with Lawrence Turnure, in New York City.

Along with his activity in the business and financial world, Mr. Haring is a member of many organizations and has aided them in their work. He is a director of the Suffern Bank & Trust Company, of Suffern, and of the Cox & Stevens Aircraft Corporation, and belongs to the Bankers' Club of New York City. Formerly he was a trustee of the Manhattan Maternity Hospital and Dispensary, in New York. Long active in Rockland County affairs, he is a village trustee of Upper Nyack, and has also served as mayor of Piermont. A staunch

Republican, he is a member of the New York State Republican committee and of the Rockland County executive committee of his party. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Wawayanda Lodge, in Spar-kill, and Rockland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church. During the First World War he enlisted in the navy and faithfully and effectively served his country through that conflict.

In Piermont, at the old Haring homestead, William P. Haring married Dorothy Folsom, daughter of William R. and Hester Clark (Harvey) Folsom. His wife is active in the Nyack Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Haring became the parents of a daughter, Hester Clark Haring, who was born August 8, 1930, in New York City.

PATRICK A. TWOMEY—As a youth Patrick A. Twomey embarked upon a career in banking, and with the exception of a few years has been identified with Nyack, Rockland County, banks. He is a native of Europe, and like many of our important business men and progressive citizens, he came to the United States as a child, becoming a loyal and enthusiastic exemplar of American ideas and ideals.

He was born in the city of Cork, Ireland, October 29, 1891, son of Daniel and Annie (O'Donovan) Twomey, both of whom are now deceased. His mother passed to her reward in 1928. Daniel Twomey, who lived to 1942, brought his family to the New World in 1896, locating in Nyack. He was an expert florist and gardener by profession, a man of sound faith and vigorous personality, highly esteemed by everyone who knew him. Patrick A. Twomey was about five years of age when he arrived in America, and attended local schools, the Piermont Grammar School, St. Ann's Parochial School and the Nyack High School. He was ambitious to be about making his own living and was still very young when, in 1908, he secured a position with the Rockland County Bank, at Nyack. Down through the following six years he rose from clerical work and service as a stenographer to a tellership. In 1914 he went with the Montgomery County Trust Company, remaining until 1917 in varied capacities. In October, 1917, he accepted an invitation to join the forces of the Nyack National Bank, which subsequently became the Nyack Bank & Trust Company. From 1917 to 1923, he was teller of the institution; from 1923 to 1941, was assistant cashier; and since 1941 he has been the secretary-treasurer of the Nyack Bank & Trust Company.

Ability, integrity, friendliness and a well recognized desire to be of help to his fellowmen have made him the confidant and adviser of a large number of people. To members of his profession he is a well-recognized authority on finance and business. In public life and affairs he long has been keenly interested and frequently he has been called upon to serve the community. Mr. Twomey has been treasurer of the Union Free School District No. 4, Nyack, since 1930; served as tax collector

of the village of Nyack from 1923 to 1924, and is a trustee of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association. He is a former president of the Nyack Rotary Club; recording secretary of the Rockland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; and is a member of the Rockland Historical Society, of the Nyack Young Men's Christian Association, and the Rockland Country Club. His favorite recreations are golf and bowling. His religious affiliations are with St. Ann's Catholic Church, and he has long been active in charitable and humanitarian works. Mr. Twomey was largely instrumental in the organization of the British War Relief Society in eastern Rockland County, which he serves as treasurer.

Patrick A. Twomey has a sister, Eileen (Twomey) Cassidy; and a brother, James J. Twomey, with whom he resides at No. 80 Jefferson Street. Other immediate members of the family are a niece and nephew: M. Eileen, born at Nyack, August 21, 1924, who attended St. Ann's Parochial School, and was graduated from Nyack High School, class of 1942, now employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City; and James J., Jr., born at Nyack, September 18, 1925, attended St. Ann's Parochial School, and was graduated from Nyack High School, class of 1942, now serving in the United States Navy, for the duration of World War II.

IRVING INNERFIELD, M. D.—Carrying on a general practice of medicine and surgery in Nyack, Dr. Irving Innerfield has made a notable contribution to his profession and has distinguished himself in hospital work.

Dr. Innerfield was born June 15, 1912, in New York City, son of Maurice and Frances (Schmetterling) Innerfield. His father was a banker in Manhattan, and now resides in Nyack.

New York City public schools provided Dr. Irving Innerfield's early formal education. He had his pre-medical studies at Union College, Schenectady, and then became a student at New York Medical College and Flower Hospital, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1936. Serving an internship at Queens General Hospital, New York, until 1939, he then had special work at New York Post-Graduate Medical School from 1939 to 1941. In 1941 he settled in Nyack, where he began a general practice of medicine and surgery.

Continuing this work down to the time of writing, Dr. Innerfield is also a member of the staff of Nyack Hospital. In 1941 he enlisted for service to his country in the Second World War, being given the commission of lieutenant, junior grade, in the United States Navy and serving until he was honorably discharged because of injuries, in October, 1942. When he regained his health, he reentered the private practice of medicine. He is a member of the Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and belongs to the Phi Delta Epsilon fraternity, which he joined in his student days.

In spare time Dr. Innerfield is fond of tennis and healthful outdoor recreations and sports. He is widely known in Nyack and vicinity and has a host of close friends in his profession.

JAMES D. TWEED—In the annals of Newburgh, Orange County, the name of James D. Tweed will go down to posterity as that of one of its most notable public servants. Several times he was the mayor of the city, and filled capably this and other official positions. Equally well he was prominent in business activities and athletic circles, and had his own period of military duties in time of war.

A native of Newburgh, New York, Mayor Tweed was born in the community in 1874, son of James and Catherine (Dougherty) Tweed, and was educated in local schools. As a boy he liked the theatre and became a stage hand in the Newburgh show houses. When this group of workers organized, he joined in union activities, and much later was elected business manager of the Motion Picture and Stage Hands Union, Local No. 45. He served this organization for some two decades, representing it on a number of controversial occasions. Not until 1940 did he retire from this connection.

Of his youth was his military career, when he joined the Fifth Separate Company, later Company L, of the National Guard and became a sergeant with the outfit. He was a member of the famous basketball team which the company organized and one of its most able players. The team ranked with the best teams in the metropolitan area.

It was with the Fifth Separate Company that Sergeant Tweed joined the federal forces in the Spanish-American War in 1898. He went to Honolulu with his outfit. He kept up his interest in veterans affairs as a member of Hudson B. Moore Camp, United States War Veterans, of which he became Commander.

While Mr. Tweed's business career throughout the most of his mature life was identified with the contracting-building business, he also was constantly to the fore in public affairs. Probably his first political office was that of a member of the board of aldermen before "Plan C" government succeeded the common council. He went to the board of supervisors from the Sixth Ward, Newburgh, and while serving his second term as such was elected sheriff of Orange County. He was elected mayor of Newburgh for two consecutive terms on two occasions, the last coming to an end in 1939. Wrote one of his colleagues:

Mr. Tweed felt that his administration as mayor had been in the interest of taxpayers, in keeping down taxes and yet making needed improvements, while at the same time the interests of the lowliest of the citizens and residents were not neglected. He supported Sunday opening for motion picture theatres in 1936 when the city's theatres won the right to open on Sundays over widespread opposition. One of his



James S. Luedtke



first official acts after election as mayor in 1935 was to effect the reopening of the Washington Heights Firehouse after it had been closed upon organization of a paid fire department for the city.

Eminently social and civic-minded, James D. Tweed was affiliated with a variety of organizations, holding memberships in Newburgh Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Newburgh Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Newburgh Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Highland Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member and also department commander of the Hudson B. Moore Camp, Spanish War Veterans, and the Company L Association of his Spanish War Unit. Years ago when the volunteer fire system was the main protection from municipal conflagrations, Mr. Tweed was an enthusiastic volunteer fireman, a member and officer of the Columbian Engine Company. Even earlier he was a member of a local hose company and went with his organization to the numerous meets that were held in the Hudson Valley and "ran" with his company in the competitions held at these gatherings, or matched uniforms, which were especially splendid, or showed how well they could parade down the streets of the city being visited. His memories of these days were the basis of many of his best stories that he occasionally related to the veteran firemen of Newburgh. He likewise was an ardent sportsman, for years maintained a camp at Masten Lake, Sullivan County, New York, and was a member of the Orange Lake Fish and Game Association. He wet a line or hunted in various parts of the Catskills and the Adirondack mountains.

On May 10, 1901, James D. Tweed married Elizabeth Frances McKneally of Newburgh, New York, daughter of John E. and Ellen (Cavanaugh) McKneally, both of whom are now deceased.

After a relatively long period of failing health, James D. Tweed died of a heart attack on March 18, 1945. Thus came to an end the most colorful, useful, and significant career of a leading citizen of Newburgh. It is probable that he looked back on his active years and called them good, for he knew not only the importance of making a livelihood but likewise of knowing how to live. His name is graven high upon the list of those who served their community well in the Hudson River city. He was a gentleman whose memory will long be cherished by all who knew him well.

W. EDWIN De BEVOISE—As president of J. E. Vanderbilt & Company, Inc., of New City, W. Edwin De Bevoise takes an important part in the business life of Rockland County and this region of New York State. This business is engaged in the distribution of retail coal, fuel, lumber and building materials.

Mr. De Bevoise was born October 11, 1895, in New City, Rockland County, son of John William and Sarah

(Vanderbilt) De Bevoise, both natives of New City. His father was formerly New City's postmaster, and was also a coal and lumber dealer. He continued his work until his death in 1923, when his son succeeded him as president of the business.

W. Edwin De Bevoise, the present head of the organization, attended New City schools, and was graduated in 1913 from Hackensack High School. In that year he entered the coal and lumber business of his father. The original firm name was J. J. Vanderbilt & Son. This business house was established in 1869 by W. Edwin De Bevoise's great-grandfather, Jacob J. Vanderbilt, at whose death the enterprise was handed down to his son, Jacob Edwin Vanderbilt. It was at that time that the name of J. E. Vanderbilt found its way into the title of the organization. J. E. Vanderbilt's daughter, Sarah Vanderbilt, became the wife of John William De Bevoise, who was taken into the firm. So the name of J. E. Vanderbilt & Company, which has been retained down to the time of writing, came into being. W. Edwin De Bevoise, who, as indicated, entered the organization in 1913, became a member of the firm when it was incorporated in 1917. Six years later, in 1923, at his father's death, he became president of what still continues to be known as J. E. Vanderbilt & Company, Inc.

In addition to his work in this connection, in which he continues down to the time of writing, Mr. De Bevoise has performed a wide variety of civic and social service. Formerly he was a member of the New City Board of School Trustees between 1928 and 1943. When the United States entered the Second World War, he became a member of the New City Rationing Board. During the First World War he was with the 105th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Division. Entering the service as a private, he was afterward promoted to sergeant and served overseas for nine months. He was a participant in the offensive that broke the Hindenburg Line on September 28 and 29, 1918, and was gassed in action. He was mustered out of the army April 10, 1919. Mr. De Bevoise is a member of the American Legion, and holds the decoration of the Purple Heart with Silver Star. Fraternally he is affiliated with Stony Point Lodge No. 313 of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also a member of Hudson Valley Chapter No. 295 of Royal Arch Masons, in Haverstraw, and Rockland Commandery No. 7 of Knights Templar, in Nyack. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

In West Englewood, New Jersey, February 25, 1921, W. Edwin De Bevoise married Lorraine Peck, born in Illinois, daughter of Frank L. and Juanita (Cooperthwaite) Peck. They became the parents of two children: 1. W. Edwin, Jr., born March 26, 1923, in New City, attended public schools and Congers High School, then entered Syracuse University, now serving with the 255th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army during the

Second World War. 2. John L., born April 29, 1927, in New City, attended New City schools, graduated in 1944 from Congers High School.

HAROLD C. DESMOND—The broad business background of Harold C. Desmond admirably fits him for his present service as a trustee of the village of Nyack.

Mr. Desmond was born December 23, 1895, in New York City, son of John C. and Lillian (Cassell) Desmond. His father, who is now deceased, was for years active in the railroad industry. The mother was born in Tompkins Cove, Rockland County, New York. The family took up their residence in Haverstraw, Rockland County, when Harold C. Desmond was in his infancy.

Here he attended public schools, being graduated from Haverstraw High School in 1913. He then returned to New York along with his family for a time, and in 1914 entered the wholesale coal business there. In different capacities he continued his work in the coal industry until 1944, finally retiring because of the pressure of his public services. His first election as a trustee of the village of Nyack came in April, 1940, and afterward he was reelected to this post, continuing in office down to the time of writing. He is actively interested in community affairs, being a Democrat in his political views. During the First World War he served as a yeoman, first class, in the navy. Since 1925 he has been continuously a resident of Nyack, where he is a member of a number of local organizations, including the American Legion and the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is fond of outdoor life, and a favorite recreation is fishing.

Harold C. Desmond married, in Haverstraw, in 1918, Anna Lynn, daughter of John Lynn, of Piermont, Rockland County. They became the parents of a son, William M. Desmond, born in New York City in August, 1920, graduated from Nyack High School and from Middlebury College, serving in the combatant intelligence department of the army at the time of writing, during the Second World War.

JOHN A. DECKER—One who has become prominent in business and industry in New York City, but who makes his home in the Hudson River Valley section, John A. Decker is a resident of Haverstraw, Rockland County, where his father and grandfather, and probably earlier generations, lived and wrought. Like them, exemplary citizenship is a feature of his philosophy of life, and he takes a constructive part in many community activities.

Mr. Decker was born in Haverstraw, New York, on June 16, 1900, son of the late John L. Decker, who died in 1918, and Margaret Northrop (Arnold) Decker. His father and grandfather were blacksmiths, in the good old meaning of the term. The Deckers of several generations were well known and highly respected. Their representative, of this record, although only seventeen, had com-

pleted his high school education in Haverstraw, and was a student in Columbia University, New York City, when the United States entered the First World War. He enlisted in the Students Auxiliary Training Corps, July, 1918, and served until receiving his honorable discharge from the army in January, 1919.

As a civilian seeking a job, John A. Decker entered the employ of the Oakite Products Company, in New York City, as a salesman, a connection that was continued from 1919 to 1922. He then went with the Victor Talking Machine Company, of Camden, New Jersey, in its New York City sales branch. From 1931 to 1934 Mr. Decker held various selling jobs, in 1935 joining the forces of the Carborundum Corporation of America, identified with abrasive engineering, a post he has filled most capably since that year. The main plant of the Carborundum Company is at Niagara Falls, New York, where the synthetic abrasive is made. In these times of a Second World War his responsibilities have been greatly increased and the demands upon his energies immensely enlarged.

John A. Decker is a director of the Peoples Bank of Haverstraw and interested in other companies. A Republican in party allegiance, his political interest is in the election of sound officials and the securing of good government. He is a member of the American Legion, and of the General Warren Emergency Company of the Haverstraw Fire Department. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Stony Point Lodge, of Haverstraw, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Pioneer Anglers, Inc. Mr. Decker is president of the board of trustees of the Central Presbyterian Church, and generous in the support of religious and charitable works.

REV. HAROLD HIGGINS—To the service of Christ and His Church, the Rev. Father Higgins is devoted. Born in Yonkers, New York, February 3, 1903, he is the son of Edmund and Ellen (Mallon) Higgins, both originally natives of Ireland who came to the New World in their youth and lived thereafter in Yonkers.

Father Higgins was educated and prepared for his work in the Sacred Heart School, Yonkers; the Seraphicate School, same city; and St. Anthony's Seminary, Marathon, Wisconsin. After being ordained at St. Anthony's he went to St. Felix Monastery, at Huntington, Indiana, where he remained from 1930 to 1936. He was then called to St. Mary's Immaculate Monastery, at Garrison, New York, where subsequently and since he has been the director of the Third Order of Villa.

JOHN L. GIBBONS—Since youth John L. Gibbons of New York City and New City, Rockland County, has been engaged in banking. He is a native of the American metropolis, born August 31, 1903, son of John L. and Sarah E. (Ryan) Gibbons, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a well-known figure in the

petroleum industry for many years prior to his demise, in 1930.

John L. Gibbons was educated in the grade schools of his birthplace, the Ramsey High School, class of 1921; and the Rutgers School of Banking, from which he graduated in 1941. In 1921 he went with the First Bank & Trust Company, of Ramsey, serving in various positions for some eight years. Since 1929 he has been associated with the Chemical Bank & Trust Company of New York City, of which he has been trust officer since 1934.

On August 17, 1935, at the Blauvelt Homestead, John L. Gibbons married Margaret A. Francis, daughter of the late Alfred E. Francis and Ann (Blauvelt), Francis. Alfred E. Francis, who died in 1914, was an exceptionally skilled lithographer and engraver, whose skill and knowledge were utilized by the United States Treasury in the discovery and prosecution of counterfeiters. He was one of the outstanding American authorities on counterfeiting. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons are the parents of two children: 1. Sarah Ann, born in New York City, July 13, 1939. 2. John Blauvelt, born in New York City, January 29, 1943.

The Blauvelt name and family have long been established and historic in the Hudson River Valley section, and the present representatives of the family, Ann (Blauvelt) Francis, of previous mention, and her sister, Margaret Remsen Dunkley, of New York, are the owners of the old Blauvelt Estate, the house dating back to Jacob Blauvelt of Tappan. The original grant of land including this now forty-acre place, was granted to William Campbell of Haverstraw, and consisted of some three hundred acres situated at the corner of the Haverstraw Road and the Zukor Road, adjacent to the Adolph Zukor property. The landed estate has been passed down from generation to generation of the descendants of Jacob Abraham Blauvelt. From family data it is indicated that the line of descent is: 1. Jacob A. Blauvelt, the original owner. 2. John Blauvelt. 3. John Blauvelt, 2d. 4. Jacob E. Blauvelt, who married Margaret Remsen. 5. John Blauvelt, who married Ellen Concklin. 6. Stanley V. Blauvelt, who married Antionette Hoffman.

RALPH O. L. FAY—A lawyer of down-town New York City, Ralph O. L. Fay is one of the many professional and business men who make their homes in Rockland County. He differs from many in that he is a native of this section of New York State, a member of a well-known local family that traces its origins to old New England. He has a first hand knowledge of southeastern New York; continues a love for it dating from boyhood, and joins heartily and constructively in organizations and movements that make for the advance and advantage of his community.

He was born at Nanuet, Rockland County, on April 22, 1886, son of Harrison P. and Caroline A. (Lawrence) Fay, both of whom are now deceased and lie buried in

the Nanuet cemetery. His mother came originally from Charlestown, Massachusetts. The father, born at Southboro, Massachusetts, a graduate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, settled in Nanuet where he became one of its leading citizens. He was a schoolmaster and historian, among other writings being the section on Clarkstown, published in the Rev. Mr. Cole's "History of Rockland County," 1886.

Ralph O. L. Fay attended the public schools of his birthplace; was graduated from the Nyack High School, class of 1903; and matriculated at the New York Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1907. He began his professional career as a clerk in the law offices of Robert G. Perry, of New York City, and after leaving law school, he continued with this firm until 1916. Mr. Fay then engaged in a general practice of the law and for about ten years was associated with Justice Clarence J. Shearn, of the Supreme Court of New York County. Since 1930 he has been identified with Philip J. Dunn, with offices at No. 70 Pine Street, New York City. Down through the years Mr. Fay has more and more specialized in appellate work, in which he has won high repute.

On October 31, 1917, at Nanuet, New York, Ralph O. L. Fay married Mabel E. Rufner, daughter of Louis and Mary (Stock) Rufner, and they are the parents of three sons: 1. Ralph R., born at Nanuet, in 1918, a graduate of Rider College, at Trenton, New Jersey, now personnel director with Robert Gair Company, Inc., at Bogota, New Jersey; he married Anita Sackett, of Potsdam, New York, and they have a son, Richard R. Fay. 2. Robert L., born in Nanuet, in 1921, a graduate of Hamilton College, now serving in the United States Naval Reserve, with the rank of lieutenant (j. g.) for the duration of World War II; he married Madeline Baird, of Mississippi. 3. James S., born in 1929, at Nanuet, attending local high school.

MAXMILLIAN J. MOSES, M. D.—Although only a little over forty years of age, Dr. Maxmillian J. Moses of Rockland County has accumulated a large and varied knowledge and practice of his profession in both civil and military life. Until late in 1944, he was a captain in the United States Army Medical Corps. Prior to and since that service, he has been prominently identified with the medical profession in southeastern New York.

Born in New York City, on November 15, 1904, Dr. Moses is the son of the late Samuel and Rose (Shostak) Moses, his father being for many years a widely known custom tailor on Fifth Avenue, in the American metropolis. The family moved to Spring Valley, Rockland County, in 1918, and it was here that the son of this record completed his secondary education by graduation from the Spring Valley High School, class of 1921. Entering Alfred University, western New York, he continued his academic and pre-medical studies, receiving

the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1924. Matriculating at Cornell University for his technical education, he was graduated from its medical college in 1928, a Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Moses was an interne at the Jersey City (New Jersey) Medical Center, and was house physician at the Willard State Hospital, Willard, New York, prior to 1931 when he established an office in Spring Valley. He became and continues to be a member of the medical staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital, at Suffern, at one time serving as president. In 1942 he entered the United States Army and with the rank of captain was active in military duties of the medical corps, until July, 1944. For the most part his work in the corps was that of specialist in anæsthesia.

Upon returning to Spring Valley he became associated with the Lederle Medical Staff, while at the same time carrying on his general practice. He is a member of the Rockland County Medical Society, the Medical Association of the State of New York, and the American Medical Association. Among his civic activities have been those of a member of the Spring Valley School Board. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstane Lodge, No. 800, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Community and humanitarian projects receive his hearty support.

On December 17, 1927, in New York City, Dr. Maximilian J. Moses married Anne Lee Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bolton. Dr. and Mrs. Moses are the parents of three children: 1. Lisbeth Louise, born at Geneva, New York, September 30, 1930. 2. Michael Bennett, born at Suffern, November, 1934. 3. Stephen Roger, born at Suffern, July 1, 1939.

MURRAY THOMPSON—The colorful and active career of Murray Thompson, of New City, Rockland County, falls naturally into three parts—military, financial and industrial. Born in Catskill, New York, on August 25, 1899, he is the son of Frederick M. and Maud (Murray) Thompson, natives of New York City, his father being a well known lawyer.

The family removed to New York City within a few months after his birth, and Murray Thompson was educated in the public schools, and Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, New Jersey, but interrupted his studies to go with the Norton Harjes Ambulance Corps to serve with the French Army in the early days of World War I. When the United States became involved in the conflict he returned home and entered the United States Army. He was assigned to the tank corps, and continued his military career to 1919, when he received his honorable discharge. For the following four years he was with the New York National Guard, resigning with the rank of first lieutenant. His interest in military affairs has not

waned; he is a member of the American Legion, and has served as president of the Association of American Volunteers with the French Army, 1914-17.

With all his war experience, Murray Thompson was only a young man of twenty, when in 1919 he resumed civilian activities, and from then until 1937 was associated with the financial house of W. L. Langley & Company, of New York City. In 1937, he resigned to join the Couse Laboratories, Inc., of East Orange, New Jersey, as vice-president. In 1934 he became a partner with Kibbey W. Couse, in the Laboratories corporation.

Murray Thompson is a director of the State Bank of Pearl River, New York, and identified with other enterprises. His social and civic interests are widely diversified. He is a chairman of the Democratic Committee for Rockland County; member of the Rockland County Farm Bureau, the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the Rockland County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He belongs to the Newark Kiwanis Club. Mr. Thompson worships in the Presbyterian Church. At all times he is happy to further organizations and movements that work for the progress and welfare of the community.

On March 25, 1927, in Paris, France, Murray Thompson married Elisabeth J. Brill, of New York, daughter of Dr. N. E. Brill and Elsa (Josephthal) Brill. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of one child, Dale, born in New York City, November 21, 1928, now attending Master's School at Dobbs Ferry, New York.

WILLIAM R. SHERWOOD—It has been related of William R. Sherwood that he was the first of his branch of the family to be elected to public office in Rockland County, New York, since its organization. That office is commissioner of public welfare, one of major importance since it has to do with the care of old people, old age pensions and the relief of those in distress in the county. He was elected in 1939 and again in 1942, and has won recognition as one of the ablest administrators of his duties ever chosen by the citizens of this section of New York State. It probably should be mentioned that his grandfather, Isaac Sherwood, was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861 as postmaster of the village of Warren, now better known as Haverstraw, New York, and also served under President Ulysses S. Grant.

To quote from an earlier biographer:

Born in Haverstraw, Mr. Sherwood comes of old Rockland County stock, the family having been residents of that town since the Revolutionary War. Moving to Spring Valley as a young man he began publishing the "Rockland County Leader," which he has successfully edited and published for some forty years. He has been active in county affairs throughout his entire life but has served only two short



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terms in political office. He served as village trustee in Spring Valley for one term and has been a councilman in the Town of Ramapo for a little over a year. An active fireman, he has served his own company in various capacities, was chief of the Spring Valley Fire Department and president of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

William R. Sherwood married a girl of Spring Valley,

"a resident of that village all her life, known for her sympathetic understanding and her efficient work in many activities. She has always been prominent in church, relief and charitable works. She served as county welfare officer of the American Legion Auxiliary for several years."

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood became the parents of three sons: 1. Donald R., who has been associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in this part of New York for years. A veteran of the First World War, he is a lieutenant in the United States Army for the duration of the present global war. He married Mary Olive Gibson, of Spring Valley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gibson, also natives of this community, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Leigh Sherwood. Donald R. Sherwood is a popular figure in local life, a past commander of the American Legion in Rockland County, former commander of the Moscarella Post, No. 199, American Legion, Spring Valley. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a past president of the Lions Club, Spring Valley. 2. Everett G., associated with his father in the printing business; now a private in the United States Army. 3. W. Leigh, also associated with the printing firm established by his father, he being the acting editor of the "Rockland County Leader." Constantly to the fore in the promotion of the best interests of his community, he is a member of local organizations. He married Edith Smith Scudder, of Spring Valley, and they have a daughter, Ann Leigh, born April 26, 1938, and a son William E., born July 26, 1940.

J. HERBERT DAHM—With the utilization of one of the natural resources of Rockland County the family of which J. Herbert Dahm is a younger member has been actively identified over a long period. He is president of the West Nyack Trap Rock Company, of this county, quarrying and distributing material in large quantities.

J. Herbert Dahm was born at North Bergen, New Jersey, in October, 1899, son of William and Eleanor (Stockfish) Dahm, both of whom are deceased. He was educated in the elementary schools of his birthplace, and the Dickinson High School of Jersey City. At the age of sixteen years he became associated with his father in quarrying, the elder man at that time being the general manager of the Belmont, Gurnee Stone Company of New Jersey and New York. In June, 1930, William Dahm purchased the West Nyack Quarry, disposing of his interests in the above mentioned company, and there-

after operated in association with his sons, J. Herbert and G. Walter Dahm. The father and senior partner died in January, 1934, and for the past decade the business has been carried on by the two sons.

J. Herbert Dahm has long been interested constructively in the civic and other affairs of the Nyack-New City area of Rockland County, and coöperates in many of the movements and organizations that work for the benefit of this section. He is a trustee of the West Nyack School Board and serves on the Rockland County Grand Jury. Besides being the head of the West Nyack Trap Rock Company, Mr. Dahm is vice-president and treasurer of the Mt. Ivy Sand & Gravel Company. He is president of the Nyack Lions Club.

In February, 1929, at North Bergen, New Jersey, J. Herbert Dahm married Edna Schneider, born in this section of New Jersey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schneider. Mrs. Dahm is active in the affairs of the Parent-Teachers Association. Mr. and Mrs. Dahm are the parents of a son: J. Herbert, Jr., born October 11, 1937, at Tappan, Rockland County.

G. WALTER DAHM—Since youth G. Walter Dahm has been active in the stone, gravel and sand business in Rockland County. He is president of the Mt. Ivy Sand & Gravel Company, and vice-president and treasurer of the West Nyack Trap Rock Company, both active and large firms in their field. Mr. Dahm is a native of North Bergen, New Jersey, the younger of two sons of William and Eleanor (Stockfish) Dahm, both now deceased.

The father, who died in January, 1934, was general manager, over a long period, of the Belmont, Gurnee Stone Company, that operated quarries and plants in both New Jersey and New York. In June, 1930, he disposed of his holdings in this company, and purchased the West Nyack Quarry. William Dahm remained at the head of this enterprise until his death, when it became the property of his two sons, J. Herbert and G. Walter Dahm. The two brothers have carried the business of the West Nyack Trap Rock Company to new heights of importance, and are associated, as indicated, with the Mt. Ivy Sand & Gravel Company. G. Walter Dahm is a director of the First National Bank of North Bergen, New Jersey, and interested in other activities. His favorite recreation is boating.

G. Walter Dahm married (first), Amelia Euler, who is deceased, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Euler, and they were the parents of a daughter, Virginia Claire, born in September, 1924. She is a graduate of the Nyack High School, and is now an undergraduate in Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Mr. Dahm married (second) Alice Fischer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Fischer, and they have a daughter, Carolee Ann, born August 15, 1943.

WILLIAM S. WILLSON—Since young manhood, William S. Willson, president of Brookside Farms, Inc., has been actively identified with the dairy business of Rockland County. He is rated as one of the noteworthy business men of the Haverstraw section, and is well known for his coöperative spirit in worthy progressive movements and organizations of the community.

Born in West Hoboken, New Jersey, on June 6, 1906, he is the son of Cornelius H. and Agnes (Wallace) Willson. His father, a native of Massachusetts, and a printer by vocation, moved to New Jersey later in life and is a prominent citizen of North Bergen, New Jersey, a community of which he was once nominated for the mayorship, and long has been to the fore in civic affairs. His son, of this record, attended the public schools of North Bergen, and was graduated from the Union Hill High School. After being variously employed he removed to Spring Valley, Rockland County, New York, where he purchased the dairy business of William Helder. This enterprise he developed so successfully that in May, 1943, it was incorporated as the Brookside Farms, Inc., with himself as head and general manager; A. J. Trotter as vice-president; Mrs. William Willson is treasurer, and Mrs. Trotter is secretary.

Brookside Farms, Inc., serves a wide area, operating almost wholly in Rockland County, and is noted for its quality dairy products. Mr. Willson, as indicated, devotes much of his attention to constructive citizenship, and so far as time and business permit, is interested in local activities. He attends St. Peter's Church, Haverstraw.

On December 17, 1931, William S. Willson married Ruth Trotter, of Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Ernest and Margaret (Kestler) Trotter. Her brother, A. J. Trotter, is the vice-president of Brookside Farms, Inc., as already mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. Willson are the parents of three sons, all born at Spring Valley, New York: 1. William, Jr., born October 4, 1932. 2. Clifford E., born December 13, 1933. 3. Neil H., born February 5, 1940.

STANLEY MILLSPAUGH—Member of one of the long established families of Orange County, Stanley Millspaugh was the son of a paternal branch who settled farther west in New York State. Like others of his name who have wandered away from the original home section, he returned to Orange County at the turn of the century and rose to be outstanding in the business, banking, fraternal, and civic circles of Middletown, notably as the president of the largest department store in the county, and a leader in many community activities.

The first of the Millspaugh (Miltzbach) family was one Jacob, an elderly man who came from Holland to the New World with an already matured family, and settled in what is now the town of Montgomery, Orange County. This was about 1730. A son, Matys (Matthias), was born in Germany, and there is the Journal of

the New York Assembly of 1735, recording Matys Milsbagh, and Philip Milsbagh, as being authorized by the Colonial Government to be listed as "citizens." Matys (Matthias), with two others, in 1738 purchased from William Sharpus, a patentee of a two-thousand-acre tract in the Wallkill Valley, some four hundred acres opposite the present Montgomery. The land was fertile, its owners hard-working and frugal, and they became relatively wealthy. Members of the Dutch Reformed faith, the Millspaugh's joined with their neighbors in building a church. Charles, son of Matthias, born January 18, 1781, married Mehitabel Van Tassel, descendant from the noted Jan Cornelius Van Tassel. The further descent from Jacob, Matthias, Charles is through Isaac, Adam, Lewis and to Stanley of this record.

Lewis Millspaugh was born near Florida, Orange County, and died at Penn Yan, Yates County, New York, at the age of sixty-nine years. Upon arriving at his majority, he went to Branchport, Yates County, later locating at Penn Yan, where he engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, and other builders' materials, himself later becoming a building contractor. He married Urania Slingerland, a native of Branchport, who died in Penn Yan, in 1874. She was the mother of Stanley Millspaugh, born in Branchport, June 16, 1872. After receiving a general education in Penn Yan, he began making his own livelihood and for two years was employed in J. D. Rodgers dry goods store, Penn Yan, and then with Sibley, Linsey, Kerr Company, in Rochester, New York. After two years he went to Pennsylvania where he remained about four years before returning to Penn Yan. In Penn Yan he was connected with the Penn Yan Coal Company for a year. He also was a traveling salesman, and it can be seen from the aforesaid that practically all his experience as a youth was along the line of merchandising, a vocation which he continued to follow through after years and in which he became a widely recognized expert.

In 1900, Stanley Millspaugh removed to Middletown, Orange County, the home of his forebears, to accept the position of superintendent of the J. W. Tompkins Drygoods Store for one year. He then went to Walden, New York, where he remained for a few years, operating a dry goods store in partnership with Benjamin French, as Millspaugh & French. When he returned to Middletown, it was to purchase the entire interest of Mr. Tompkins. From the time of incorporation of the business Mr. Millspaugh was president of the organization, an able executive and mercantile leader. Through the vision, foresight and energy of Mr. Millspaugh it became the outstanding department store in Orange County, operating twenty departments and employing seventy-five persons. In 1918, following a disastrous fire which destroyed the entire building, Mr. Millspaugh built the present structure. He was a charter member of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, serving





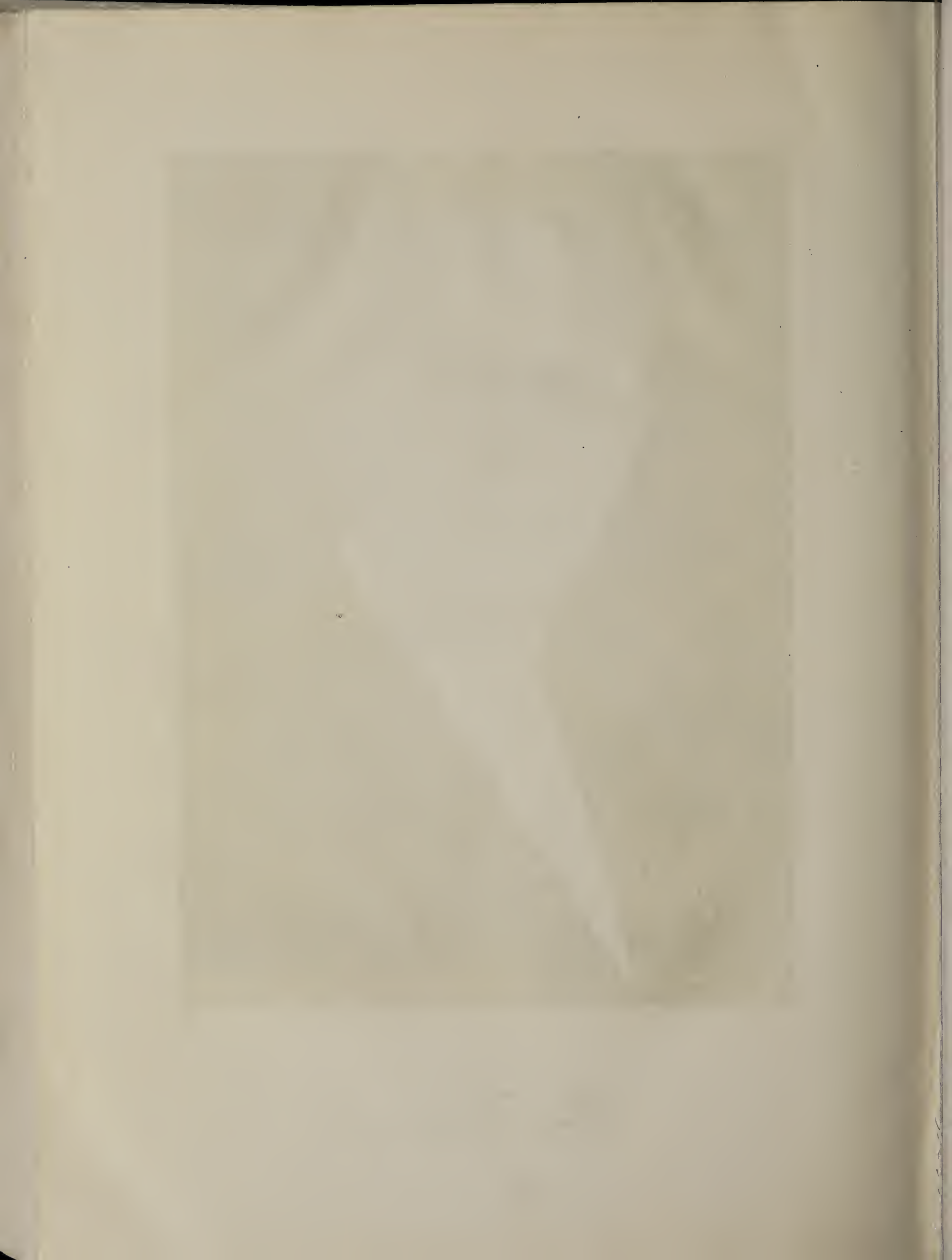
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Eudora Horton Millsbaugh



Stanley Willoughby



as a director of the Small Stores Group, and preceding the organization of the National Association, Mr. Millspaugh was a member of the Fox Syndicate which is still in operation. He was also active in the New York State Council of Retail Merchants. Since his passing early in 1943, his wife, Mrs. Eudora (Horton) Millspaugh, has been head of the company, directing its affairs with exceptional skill and enterprise.

The interests of Stanley Millspaugh were unusually broad and he was constantly to the fore in organizations and movements that were planned for promoting the progress and prosperity of Middletown, and the welfare of its people. He had been an official of the First National Bank of Middletown over many years, was a former president of the Business Men's Association, charter member and treasurer of the chamber of commerce, charter member of the Rotary Club (1918), which he represented at the Rotary International Convention at Nice, France, in 1937. Years ago he became a member of the Middletown Club, the Orange County Golf Club, and the Excelsior Fire Company, being an honorary member of the last, with which he had been identified for forty years, twenty-five years as an active member. He served several terms as chairman of the Middletown Red Cross Chapter and was appointed chairman of Middletown's Temporary Emergency Relief Administration Bureau in 1934. He was a charter member of the City Recreation Committee of the New York State Recreation Commission. He was also a charter member of the Middletown Council of the National Girl Scouts of America.

On April 24, 1924, at Ossining, New York, Stanley Millspaugh married Eudora Horton, daughter of H. Frost and Minneola (Lyon) Horton. H. Frost Horton is a retired farmer, and serves on the board of supervisors of Westchester County. Mrs. Millspaugh is a graduate of Middletown schools and of Columbia University, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and was associated with the Middletown Department of Health prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Millspaugh were the parents of five children of the eleventh generation in this county on the paternal side and the twelfth generation on the maternal side. 1. Stanley C., born January 21, 1926, attended Farragut Naval Academy, and since his eighteenth birthday has served in the United States Naval Reserve, submarine service. 2. Frances E., born January 1, 1927. 3. W. Horton, born March 12, 1928. 4. Jean E., born October 2, 1931. 5. Margaret L., born October 12, 1934.

In the death of Mr. Millspaugh in February, 1943, Middletown lost one of its "first citizens," a gentleman who contributed importantly to the development of the city over a period of more than four decades. His abilities, knowledge and experience had been drafted frequently for public service, and there was never a time that he refused to cooperate with any worthy endeavor

by fellow-citizens. His career, in which he attained such conspicuous success, was crowned with honor and the respect and affection of many friends and associates.

PAUL DAVID WEILL—The industrial designer and engineer of the Couse Laboratories, Paul David Weill came to his present post after exceptional and varied experience in several fields of endeavor. He had his own orchestra as a youth, organized his own company for industrial design, manufactured metal products, all before he became an important cog in a very important American concern. He makes his home at Suffern, New York, where he is a welcome addition to local life and affairs.

A native of New York City, Paul David Weill was born there on August 18, 1912, son of David A. and Hulda Weill and the grandson of Adolph Weill, a well-known artist in New York City of a past generation. David A. Weill has been a partner of Berth Levi & Company, Inc., of New York City, for a half century. Paul D. Weill was educated in Public School No. 16; the Franklin Private School, and a technical school, all in New York City. A liking for the arts, no doubt inherited from his ancestors, dominated his ambition. The first activity growing out of his artistic temperament was musical. He organized an orchestra in 1929, an enterprise he continued until 1932. From this year to 1940 he was operating his own establishment, Paul Weill, Inc., with offices in the metropolis and a plant not far from the city. His work was industrial designing and manufacturing, and was eminently successful in its field until World War II restrictions on materials made further mechanical operation impossible. The corporation was therefore dissolved and in 1940, Mr. Weill joined the Couse Laboratories, at Newark, New Jersey, in charge of maintenance, and as safety engineer. His present occupation is that of designer and engineer of this noted company, which activity also includes that of director of photography for Couse Laboratories. His recreational hobby is cabinet making.

On June 4, 1935, in New York City, Paul David Weill married Clara Musliner, a native of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Musliner. Mr. and Mrs. Weill have two children: David Paul, born at Suffern, New York, March 13, 1941; and Clara, born April 7, 1943.

A. BROOKS PRAY—For many years associated with The Borden Company, distributors of milk and dairy products, A. Brooks Pray, of Haverstraw, is assistant treasurer of the organization, with headquarters in New York City.

Mr. Pray was born March 4, 1890, in Amsterdam, New York, son of George H. and Mary Ripley Pray who resided in Haverstraw after 1898. His father was general agent of the New York Central Railroad for forty-six years.

Eight years old when the family came to Haverstraw. A. Brooks Pray attended public schools here, and in 1908 was graduated from Haverstraw High School. He then entered the Pace & Pace Institute, in New York City, and had a special course of training there. From 1908 to 1912 he was associated with the People's Bank, of Haverstraw, and he was the first clerk and stenographer that the bank ever had. It was with that background of business and financial experience that Mr. Pray came in 1912 to The Borden Company, in New York City. Serving as clerk in the accounting department, he was given ever more and more important responsibilities in connection with the financial side of the business of The Borden Company until, in January, 1943, he was made assistant treasurer of the business.

The community of Haverstraw itself has benefited to a remarkable degree from Mr. Pray's work. He formerly served as a trustee of the board of education of the village, and in other ways he early became active in village life. During the First World War he served in the army. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Fishing and hunting are among Mr. Pray's favorite leisure-time recreations, and he also enjoys gardening.

A. Brooks Pray married, in Haverstraw, New York, Jennie T. Brown, born in Haverstraw, daughter of Irving and Jennie E. (Taylor) Brown. Her father, who died in 1903, was for years an outstanding Haverstraw lawyer, member of the New York State Assembly and a Past Master of Stony Point Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. Her mother was born in Sparkill, Rockland County. During her life she took an active part in club and civic work. Mrs. Pray herself was graduated from the Jenny Hunter Kindergarten Training School, in New York City, and The Castle School of Dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Pray became actively interested in Haverstraw and Rockland County affairs at an early period in their residence here. They have a son, A. Brooks Pray, Jr., born January 28, 1925, who attended public schools here and was graduated from Haverstraw High School in 1943; he then enlisted in the Navy Air Corps for service in the Second World War. He attended Technical Training School at the United States Naval Air Technical Training Center at Jacksonville, Florida, from which he graduated on September 2, 1944. At the time of this writing he is in active service in the Pacific area, making flights to Iwo Jima, Guam and the Mariana Islands.

A. D. LAWRENCE JEWETT, 2d—For years active in business life, A. D. Lawrence Jewett, 2d, of New York and Nyack, is vice-president and a director of the New York Trap Rock Corporation.

Mr. Jewett was born March 26, 1888, in New York City, son of Major R. Dickerson and Lise M. (Schmidt) Jewett and member of an old and honorable family. The Jewetts came from England in 1634 and settled in Row-

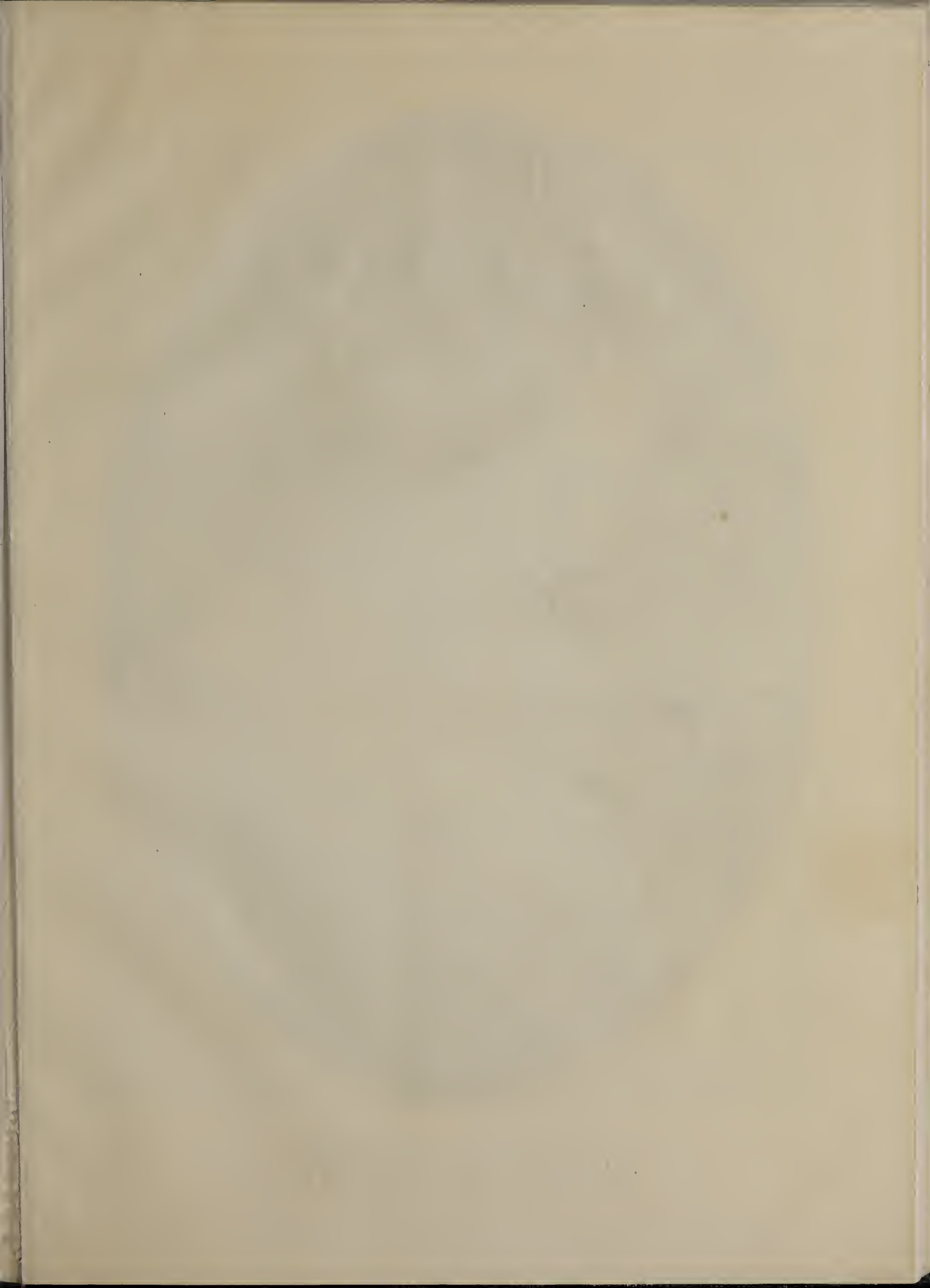
ley, Massachusetts. Major R. Dickerson Jewett, the father, was for years an outstanding lawyer and citizen of Rockland County until his death in 1917. He was a member of the 7th Regiment National Guard, and served as a major on the staff of General Louis Fitzgerald.

A. D. Lawrence Jewett, 2d, was an infant when his father brought the family to Nyack in 1891. Here the boy attended Wilson's Military Academy, later becoming a student at the Lawrenceville School, in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. In 1909 and 1910 he served an apprenticeship in the coal mining industry, so beginning his career with the Dalzel Coal Company, in Pittsburgh. From 1910 to 1913 he was with the Locomobile Company, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, being engaged in the sales department there. It was in 1915 that Mr. Jewett formed his connection with the New York Trap Rock Corporation, in Nyack, with which he continues down to the time of writing. He is now, as indicated above, vice-president and a director of the company.

In addition, Mr. Jewett takes a lively interest in general business, social and civic affairs. He is a member of the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, of Upper Nyack. Some years ago, between 1911 and 1916, he was a member of the 7th Regiment National Guard, belonging to Company K. He enlisted in the navy for service in the First World War, and was chief machinist's mate aboard Submarine Chaser No. 17. He is a member of the Amrita Club, of Poughkeepsie, New York, and belongs to Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, of the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as to the Society of Colonial Wars, the American Legion, the Sons of the Revolution and the Newburgh City Club.

A. D. Lawrence Jewett, 2d, married, in Nyack, New York, Anna Foss, daughter of the late Wilson P. and Anna (De Baun) Foss. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Nan, a graduate of Chatham Hall, Virginia, who is now Mrs. Michael Higgins; she has one daughter, Judith Wolf. 2. Elise Malinda, a graduate of Fox Hall; she married John Wilson, who is now serving as a 1st lieutenant in India. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have a daughter, Linda Ann. 3. Ruth Foss, attended Stewart Hall, Virginia; she married Robert Kerr, who is now serving in the merchant marines as 3d mate.

WILSON PERKINS FOSS—Wilson Perkins Foss was born in Fairfield, Maine, one of three children of James Arthur and Azeneth (Witherbee) Foss. He was a descendant of John Foss, a Dane, from Ribe, Denmark, who came to America as a petty officer on a British Man-of-War and became a resident of Boston in 1656. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Saco where his father owned and operated a cigar box factory. As a boy he worked in the factory and went to public school in winter and to Gorham Academy. On November 9, 1872, when he was sixteen years old, young Foss, who was then visiting in Portland, was thrilled by news of the great

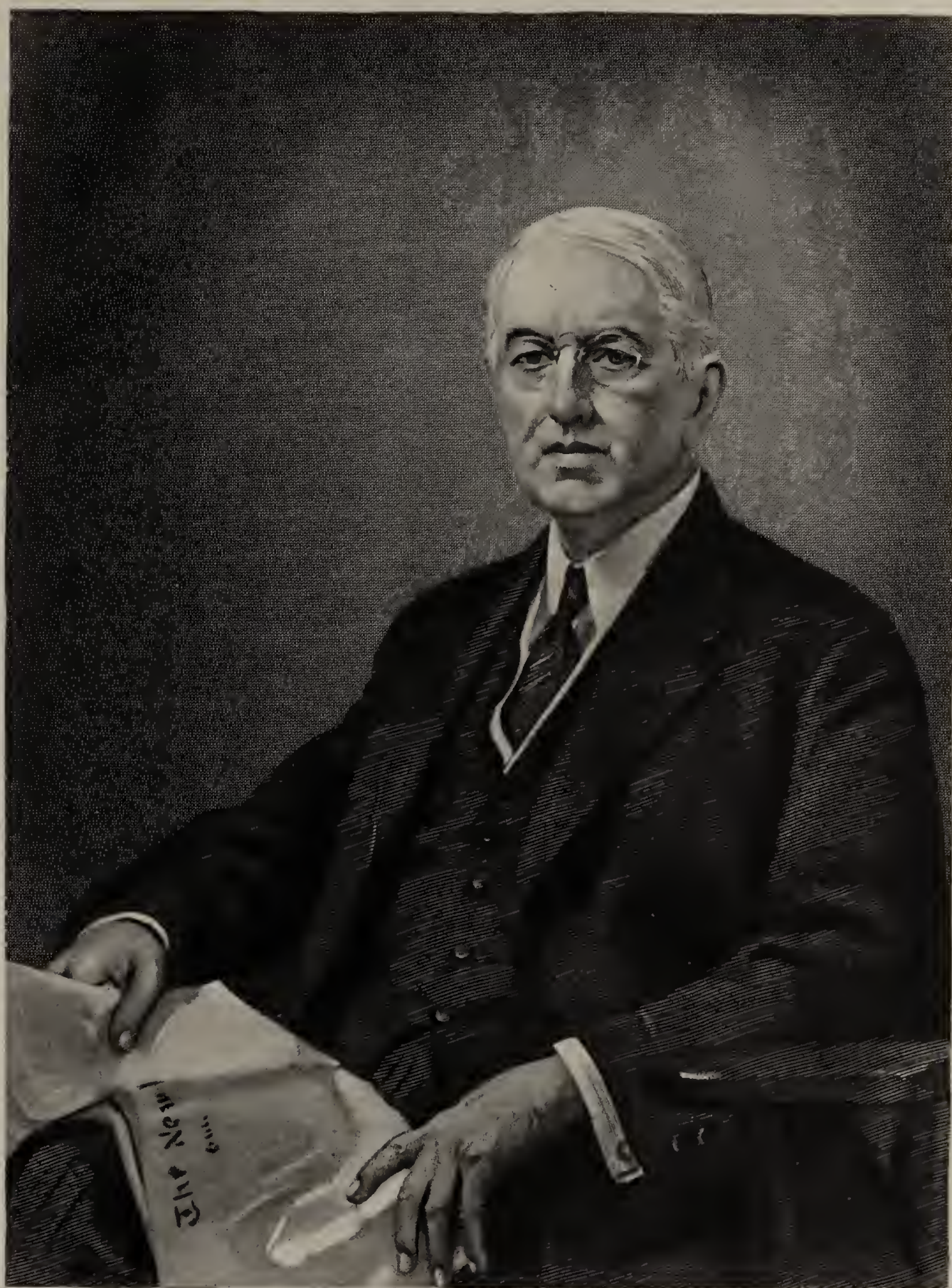




Anna Loss Jewett



Chas. Jewett



Wilson P. Goss

fire which had broken out that morning in Boston, and without a moment's thought, and hardly a penny in his pockets, he joined the Portland Fire Brigade on its way by railroad to Boston's assistance. There was an immense amount of work for everyone in Boston after the fire. Whole sections of the city had to be entirely rebuilt and supplies of building materials, hardware, etc., were in great demand. Wages were beyond anything young Foss had ever dreamed of back in Maine so he stayed on and four years later was manager of a sizable hardware store in Boston. Among the countless items which this store dealt in were black powder and dynamite for demolition purposes. He became accustomed to handling quantities of high explosives and determined to find out how they were made. So, in the fall of 1875 he enrolled for special night courses in chemistry at the recently founded Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Boylston Street which he attended nightly for two years. With the knowledge thus gained and with the tidy sum which he had saved in five years of hard work and frugal living, he resigned his hardware job in 1877 and went to Danbury, Connecticut, with a letter of introduction from his former employer to a man named Palmer, a wealthy hat manufacturer, who it was thought, might help him finance a new company to produce high explosives. Foss presented his letter but instead of prevailing upon Palmer to join in the hazardous new venture Foss, himself, was persuaded to accept a job in the hat factory as assistant manager, becoming manager two years later. He remained in the hat making business four years but he never had any real taste for it and when plans were completed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for the building of the West Shore Railroad from Weehawken to Albany, as a competitive line to the New York Central across the river, Foss could no longer resist the temptation to try his luck in the manufacture of high explosives.

In partnership with H. Allen Ely, an old and experienced hand at the business, an order was obtained from Arnold & Stevens, the railroad contractors, for the nitroglycerine to be used in "blowing" the Haverstraw tunnel, and a small factory for its manufacture was promptly built on a stream running through the A. B. Conger property near the southerly end of the tunnel. The Haverstraw tunnel, a little over one thousand six hundred feet in length, was put through entirely with liquid nitroglycerine, than which there are few more hazardous or dangerous products to handle or be near. After manufacture, it was brought in bulk to the mouth of the tunnel and there poured into small tin cartridges which were then carried into the tunnel to the heading or bench and loaded into the drilled holes for firing. The little factory was able to produce considerably more nitroglycerine than was needed for tunnel work so Foss worked up a small market at places up and down the Hudson River that were easily accessible by water. These deliveries were made personally by Foss in a large row boat, trans-

porting as much as one thousand pounds of liquid nitroglycerine at a time. Leaving Haverstraw for distant points up or down river, he would row to the middle of the stream at night in time to catch hold of a passing canal-boat tow to which he would make fast. Then, wrapped in a blanket, he would rest or sleep until he arrived opposite his point of delivery where he would cast off and row ashore. His return trip was accomplished in the same manner. It will be realized from this that Foss was a man of extraordinary courage and energy, two great qualities for which he was particularly noted all his life. It was at this time that he wooed and wed one of the beautiful and lively young belles of the county, Anna Van Buskirk DeBaun. They were married in Haverstraw, her home town, on Wednesday, September 13, 1882.

When the tunnel contract was finished in late 1882, Foss and Ely sold their nitroglycerine factory to the Repauno Chemical Company and Foss took a position with that company, a subsidiary of the Du Pont Company with head offices in Philadelphia, served for a short time as a high explosives salesman in New York State and New England, and was then sent to Mexico to explore the possibilities of establishing agencies throughout the five northern states of that country, notably at Chihuahua, Parral, Alamos, Guaymas, Hermosillo, Culiacan, Mazatlan and San Blas. As there were few if any railroads through that wild country in those days, practically all of this trip, which took seven months, was made on horseback with a guide for companionship. Foss found that practically all the high explosives used by the great mines in Mexico were being supplied by the Giant Powder Company of San Francisco whose freight rate by water gave that company an unbeatable advantage over the Du Ponts' rail rates from the Atlantic seaboard down through El Paso, Texas. To overcome this difficulty, he obtained, in addition to large orders for dynamite, a sufficient number of other orders for kerosene, candles, bottled beer and similar merchandise, for which there was great demand in Mexico, to fill a large schooner and he also arranged for a return cargo of dye woods at sufficient profit to pay for the entire round trip of the vessel. He then returned to Philadelphia feeling sure that S. T. Appolonio, general manager of the Repauno Company would be sufficiently pleased with his dynamite sales and with the cheap new method which he had worked out for its delivery to permit him to share in the purchase of and profits from the other cargo. In fact this was readily agreed to and Foss, who had left for Mexico only a few months after his marriage and had been away seven months, was granted a two weeks' holiday. But during his absence, Appolonio purchased all supplies and made all arrangements for the schooner's sailing, and when Foss returned he found to his dismay and chagrin that his interest in the shipment had been entirely ignored, and he resigned, forthwith.

About this time, the conflict between the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads, which began when the latter road built its parallel and competitive line up the west shore of the Hudson, took another turn and the New York Central began the building of what was to have been the South Penn Railroad from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, practically paralleling the Pennsylvania, though shortening the distance by about twenty miles and eliminating the horse-shoe bend at Altoona. Oliver W. Barnes was consulting engineer for the new South Penn and, before any active work was begun, he sent for Foss who agreed to build a factory somewhere along the proposed line and furnish the explosives needed to "blow" the tunnels on the line. A good supply of clear running water was essential in the manufacture of dynamite and, after inspecting several sites, one was selected at Juniata Crossing on the Juniata River, six miles east of Everett, Pennsylvania, and there a small nitroglycerine house and dynamite plant were erected in the winter of 1883. During the next year, seven long tunnels were blown through along the route of this new line, the longest of which, Sideling Hill Tunnel, is six thousand seven hundred feet. But in the meantime the New York Central had so reduced its rates in its war against the Pennsylvania's West Shore that both roads were being badly hurt. So a deal was made whereby the Pennsylvania leased the West Shore to New York Central for ninety-nine years and purchased the South Penn properties, all further work upon which was promptly stopped. It is interesting to note in passing, however, that the work on those seven great tunnels and on the dynamite that went into them way back in 1883 was not wasted, for, without it, the country's finest super highway from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, which goes through them all, would probably never have been built.

In addition to his railroad business, Foss obtained considerable dynamite business from Henry M. Brinsmade to whom he had formerly sold nitroglycerine when the latter was in charge of the Mahopac mines in Westchester County and who was then in charge of a mine and blast furnace near Juniata Crossing. But with the seven tunnels for the South Penn practically completed, Foss had to look for other business and Brinsmade gave him letters of introduction to A. L. Inman of Plattsburg and George R. Sherman of Port Henry, New York, who were large users of dynamite in the iron mines of Lake Champlain. Fortunately for Foss, they both had a grievance against the Repauno Chemical Company, from whom they were buying at the time, and they also knew, or were told, how shabbily Foss had been treated by that company in the schooner-to-Mexico deal. So they gave him a trial order for a few tons which were manufactured at the Juniata factory, shipped by rail to New York and thence by canal boat to Lake Champlain. Large orders for many carloads followed quickly and Foss realized that business of such size would require larger capital and that, in the

interests of bigger profits, it would be advisable to sell out his Juniata plant and relocate. His new customer, Inman of Plattsburg, introduced him to Smith M. Weed, a prominent and wealthy citizen of that city and a part owner of the Chateaugay Iron Ore Company, who agreed to furnish \$12,000 for a three-fifths interest in a new company, Foss to put up \$8,000 for the remaining two-fifths. Accordingly, in November, 1884, the Clinton Dynamite Company—named for the county in which it was located—was organized with a capital of \$20,000. Foss quickly sold his little Pennsylvania company, moved with his family to Plattsburg and went to work at the munificent salary of \$125 a month, managing all departments of production and sales of the new enterprise.

The Plattsburg factory, situated outside of town on the Saranac River, had been in most prosperous operation for a little over a year when it suffered a cataclysmic disaster which completely wiped it out, lock, stock and barrel, destroying every physical asset which it owned, none of which was or could be insured. It happened at noon hour on February 22, 1886. Being Washington's birthday, one of the few holidays observed by working men in those days, the factory would ordinarily have been closed down. But Foss had a run of nitroglycerine to make on a rush order from the mines and, as was characteristic of him all his life, he refused to let the holiday stand in its way. Bright and early that morning he had picked up in his sleigh two of his men who had consented to work through that day with him and by noon time he had finished a run of nitroglycerine and discharged it into the wash tank to settle while he went to another small building, where there was a stove, to eat his lunch. It is supposed, though of course it will never be positively known, that during his short absence at lunch one of his helpers drew all the water from the storage tank and for some reason, possibly his fear of a freeze-up in the extremely cold weather, did not refill it. When Foss returned from lunch he proceeded about the business of washing the nitroglycerine with warm water which he obtained, in his usual way, by admitting live steam into the water line. But, since there was no water, the live steam entered directly into the charge of nitroglycerine with heat and force enough to discharge the entire mass of more than nine hundred pounds. The factory was built on three steps cut out of the solid stone bordering the bank of the Saranac River. The boilers were on the top step, the nitrator (where the nitroglycerine was made) was on the second step, as was the water tank, and the wash tank was on the lowest of the three levels with its top well below the edge of the second step. The steam valve which Foss opened to let steam into the water tank was at the extreme back of the second level and it was here that he was standing when the nitroglycerine in the wash tank on the lowest level went off—a distance from it of perhaps twelve feet. The two men are presumed to have still been at their lunch in the

nearby building when the explosion occurred, but no smallest part of them was ever found. All buildings and machinery were blown to smithereens and the débris was blown for hundreds of yards out on the snow-covered ice directly in front of the point where the factory had been located. By some inexplicable miracle, Foss was blown out to the left and landed in some two feet of soft snow on the ice-covered river around the bend. And, oddest of all, the extreme end of the horizontal boiler on the third level was blown off, it was turned at right angles to the cliff behind it, with all connections severed, and it flew like a modern rocket under its own power of escaping steam directly out over the river for over half a mile. Some employees, who lived fairly close by, came running over through the snow immediately and went out on the river in front to look for some remains of the victims among the wreckage. But while so engaged, they were astonished to hear a cry from a point far off around the bend to the left and, running there, they saw Foss crawling slowly and painfully through the snow toward shore. He had lost all clothing above the waist line and his trousers were in shreds around his boot tops. Both of his legs and one arm were fractured, his left ear was practically torn off, and his entire body was filled with great spruce splinters. He asked his rescuers what had happened and, when they told him, he said "Get word to my wife that we have had an explosion but that I have not been hurt,"—then he fainted. He was rushed to the house of one of his men who lived nearest and was later taken to the Plattsburg Hospital where he remained unconscious for four days. But, except for a ruptured ear drum and a number of ugly scars all over his body, he entirely recovered, although he was on crutches for many months and it was nearly a year before he could resume work.

This experience was quite enough for Mr. Weed and he sold his interest in the Clinton Dynamite Company, which had no plant and was just about broke, to Foss. The latter, securing contracts with various companies in the district, whose officers admired his courage and ability and had even loaned him the money to start again, now (1887) moved back to Haverstraw and built a new dynamite factory at Snedeker's Landing where manufacturing conditions were better in winter, where supplies were more cheaply obtainable and where additional business along the Hudson and in the New York City area could be solicited and served.

It was at this time that Jacob E. Conklin, the young West Shore Railroad station agent at Haverstraw first became connected with Foss, for whom he went to work as bookkeeper in the little office of the Clinton Dynamite Works, up over Dondero's store on Main Street.

The old-timers of Rockland County will remember what an inseparable team they made from the very beginning. Foss, the dreamer of big dreams, with the indomitable courage to take great chances and the deter-

mination to drive them through to successful reality. Conklin, the conservative plodder, watching the pennies and forever counseling the middle road. But, though the two men fought hard and often over plans, they had an abiding faith in each other's honesty, loyalty and ability, and once a plan was decided upon there was complete harmony and never a word of criticism upon its outcome. They were constantly in each other's company even outside of business, and they had the same friends. Both had a fine sense of humor, enjoyed the same stories, and each told them well. Conklin never missed a billiard tournament match in which Foss played and seldom was Foss absent from any whist or poker game which Conklin was forever organizing.

But to go back to those early days in 1887, one of the new customers which the company picked up soon after moving was a small stone quarry at Rockland Lake, about five miles below Haverstraw. The property itself was a magnificent one,—a huge mountain of solid trap rock bordering the Hudson River, extending nearly a mile west to the village of Rockland Lake and for nearly two miles south toward Upper Nyack. The stone-crushing plant and the whole operation connected with it were antiquated one-horse affairs, and the more Foss saw of it the more earnest he became in his advice to its owner, Andrew Cosgriff, to make something worthwhile out of it. However, Cosgriff seemed quite content with his toy operation and could not bring himself to change or improve his methods. Small quantities of stone were blasted down from the face of the mountain, sledged up to sizes a man could lift, and loaded by hand into one of half a dozen two-wheeled, one-horse dump carts. The loaded carts then ambled out across the quarry floor where they were laboriously backed up a ramp to a single No. 6 gyratory crusher into which their little loads of rock were dumped. It took ten days or two weeks to load a single scow with four hundred cubic yards of stone. And all this time the market was crying for greater and greater quantities of crushed stone to lift the country's roads up out of the mud and dust. Then one day in the spring of 1890, Cosgriff needed money in his business and he sold a third interest to Foss, who was told that he could have charge of operations. He strove mightily for several years to improve the antiquated plant and get production up but the partners had no money for extensive modernization and Cosgriff could not be prevailed upon to mortgage the property to obtain the needed cash. In 1894 Conklin purchased a third interest from Cosgriff, and two years later Conklin joined Foss in another demand that money be raised for essential improvements. But Cosgriff would not consent "to any such reckless financing" and, after much argument and some bitter words on all sides, it was agreed to partition the partnership in a court proceeding. Foss and Conklin, who were in agreement on the need for new financing, submitted a sealed bid for a one-third share in the busi-

ness and Cosgriff put in a sealed bid for their two-thirds, the court having previously warned all hands that if the Cosgriff bid was more than twice as much as the Foss-Conklin bid the latter would have to sell while, if it was less than twice as much as their combined bid, then Cosgriff would have to sell. With this express understanding, bids were opened in the judge's chambers and, upon finding that the Cosgriff bid was less than half as much as the Conklin-Foss bid, the court ordered Cosgriff's one-third interest sold to his partners. Thereupon Foss, with Conklin's consent, purchased Cosgriff's interest at the price set forth on the latter's bid, and the Conklin and Foss co-partnership was thereupon formed in the spring of 1897.

From the very beginning, it had become obvious that the new business of producing and selling stone would occupy every moment of the partners' time,—Foss, the president, on the producing end and Conklin, vice-president and treasurer, in New York, handling sales. So Foss entered negotiations with H. M. Barksdale, a brother-in-law of Charles I. du Pont and at that time general manager of the Repauno Chemical Company, a subsidiary of E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company (which, until 1899 was a close family partnership) which culminated in the sale of his Clinton Dynamite Company to Du Pont in 1895. Foss, as a part of the deal, was put on the duPont payroll at an annual salary of \$5,000 to continue for life as long as he stayed out of the active manufacture of high explosives. (By the time he died in 1930, Foss had received, in addition to the sales price for his Clinton company, a total of \$180,000 under this contract, a tidy sum for the little company which he had started on a shoe string back in Plattsburg in the middle eighties.)

It was in 1896 that Foss took his one and only flyer into politics, becoming mayor of the village of Haverstraw, a position he filled with scrupulous honesty and good business sense for seven years through 1903 when he cried "Enough!"

In 1897, the co-partners formed the Conklin & Foss Company with a paid-in capital of \$100,000—which later was increased to \$250,000—and each took half of the stock. Then in August, 1902, they formed the Rockland Lake Trap Rock Company on an equal ownership basis. This company then leased the Conklin & Foss quarry for a term of twenty-five years at a rental of \$65,000 per year plus ten cents per cubic yard on all stone processed and sold in excess of 350,000 cubic yards in any one year. For by now Rockland Lake trap rock had acquired an enviable name for extreme toughness, hardness and other fine qualities desired by highway engineers, and Foss and Conklin wanted to reserve that name for themselves.

Foss became interested in billiards as a lad in Boston, and, from the first, showed an extraordinary aptitude for this highly scientific game. During his four years in Danbury, Connecticut, he had played almost nightly with

his boss, Mr. Palmer, who was himself a great enthusiast of the game and maintained (as did many another rich gentleman in those days) a fine billiard table in his own house. With such steady and prolonged practice, Foss' game improved rapidly and by the time he left Danbury he could easily beat any of the local amateurs and hold his own with many of the top ranking professionals. Then for many years, business left little or no time for billiards, and it was not until his entry into the crushed stone business that he again found time to ride his favorite hobby. Then as now, ice in the river closed down the quarry every year from mid-December until sometime in March and, during this slack period, he played and practiced billiards almost continuously at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club in New York or at the Haverstraw Club whose tables were equally good. In February, 1899, he was runner-up to Martin Mullen of Chicago in the Class A Amateur Billiard Championship of America, and he won the championship against Wayman C. McCreery of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1900, defended his title successfully against Charles S. Norris of New York and C. Fred Conklin of Chicago in 1901 and 1902 and against Edw. W. Gardner at the Hanover Club, Brooklyn, in 1903.

During the winter of 1903-04, an international match for the World's Amateur Billiard Title was arranged by the Fédération des Sociétés Françaises du Billard and our Amateur Athletic Union. Under its terms, Foss, the American Champion, was to go to Paris and there meet the European Champion, M. Lucien Rerolle, in a 1200 point game at 18-2 baulk line (three matches of four hundred points each on consecutive nights). Then, a month later, Rerolle was to come to New York for three similar matches. Both the Paris and New York matches were to be considered in deciding the World's Amateur Champion. Foss sailed for Paris on March 15, 1904, arrived in Paris on the 22d, and played the three matches in the theatre hall of the Automobile Club on the 29th, 30th and 31st. After leading 400 to 338 on the first night, and 800 to 645 on the second, he fell down badly on the third night, Rerolle finally making his 1200 points to Foss' 1153. It was expected that the contestants would return to America together, but Rerolle let Foss go without him and then refused to follow, and the second 1200 points was never played. Foss never played in a National tournament again.

One late afternoon in the summer of 1902, Foss was working on his order sheets in the little office at the Rockland Lake quarry when he heard loud and angry voices in an argument at the loading dock and went out to see what the trouble was. There, directly under one of the loading chutes, lay a big ice-carrying covered barge which had drifted down from the ice company's loading dock a half mile further north. John Harical, the loading foreman, was trying his best to persuade the captain, a big surly Swede, to loosen his lines so as to allow his

boat to drop still further down along the dock and thus let in another of the Trap Rock boats which still remained to be loaded that afternoon. But the big Swede captain, who was ugly with drink, refused to budge and moreover dared anyone to come aboard his boat to move it. Foss, whom his good friend Nick Murphy of Haverstraw (he won the Six Day Walking Championship in Madison Square Garden, and was a great athlete) called one of the best amateur boxers he ever saw, was not a man to be daunted or cowed by any such threat and he quickly jumped to the deck of the ice barge and began to slack off the lines. The big Swede thereupon made a rush at Foss with a vow to throw him overboard but was met with a right to the jaw which knocked him flat on his deck where he lay for some time. In the meantime, Foss completed the job of casting off the lines and, with Harical's help from the dock, eased the boat down toward the south end. Just as he finished making her fast in her new berth, Foss heard a warning shout from Harical on the dock and looked up to find the big Swede captain charging down on him with a knife. The brute made a lunge at Foss' heart but, quick as a flash, the latter threw up his leg to protect himself, then fell to the deck with his leg trussed up by the knife which was buried in it at the knee. Realizing what he had done and sobered by the fact, the Swede dropped over the side into his row boat and started across the river toward Sing Sing, as Ossining was then called. Foss withdrew the knife from his knee, climbed down into a company skiff which was close by, caught the Swede near the Sing Sing shore, knocked him out with an oar and paddled him to the State penitentiary beach where he was met by a guard who took over his prisoner. On crutches once more, he appeared in court with John Harical against the culprit who was given twenty years for attempted murder.

The bicycle was the first machine to make our great country hard road-conscious and it should not be forgotten that the myriads of enthusiastic and vociferous bicycling associations and clubs throughout the length and breadth of the land did much to pull us in the literal sense, out of the mud. In every State legislature they appeared in great strength and demanded to be heard, and the results of their efforts soon could be seen in the ever increasing number of fine waterbound macadam highways that began to appear, especially in the well populated areas. New York State was perhaps the most forward of our states in heeding this cry for better roads and from 1902 to 1912 the Rockland Lake Trap Rock Company, with its facilities for far flung water deliveries in large scowload lots, prospered and grew accordingly. Year after year, under Foss' efficient management, new production records were hung up at the quarries and old sales records broken by Conklin and his forceful and able assistant, Mortimer D. Wandell.

In 1908, Mr. Foss purchased a large water front property at Upper Nyack, New York, extending four hundred feet along the Hudson River and west across Broadway, Midland Avenue, and Route 9W to the top of the mountain. The frame house on this site was relocated up on the hill across Broadway and he and his family moved into it on September 3, 1909. Having found and purchased a small pink sandstone quarry near Nanuet, he put some Italian stone cutters to work hewing out two feet square blocks of this stone to the specifications of his architect who built with them, under the massive elms on the original site, the beautiful house into which the family moved on November 9, 1911. The Fosses lived in this house until Mrs. Foss' death on August 7, 1940. But so long as their old minister, George F. Bonsall, lived, they remained faithful members of their old church in Haverstraw, the Presbyterian, which Mr. Foss had helped generously to build.

In February, 1912, the New York Trap Rock Company was organized with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, which company took over the Rockland Lake Trap Rock Company lease of the Conklin & Foss Company properties, which had fifteen years to run with a twenty-five-year renewal option, and also acquired a lease on The Clinton Point Stone Company property which was likewise located on Hook Mountain just north of the Rockland Lake Trap Rock Company quarry. Rockland Lake Trap Rock Company (owned by Conklin and Foss) and Clinton Point Stone Company (owned largely by Cleveland interests) each owned half of the no par value capital stock of the new company.

Mr. Conklin became very ill in the summer of 1912 and in September of that year Mr. Foss and Dr. Laird of Haverstraw journeyed with him to Berlin, Germany, in the hope that a world renowned physician of that city could save his life. But the trip proved fruitless for, on November 9th of that same year, Conklin died in Berlin and his friends brought his remains back to Haverstraw for burial. After providing a handsome annuity for his mother and gifts in varying amounts to a large number of relations and old friends, Mr. Conklin bequeathed "All the rest, residue, and remainder of my property and estate, both real and personal, of every kind and nature and wheresoever the same may be situated . . . unto my dear friend and intimate associate, Wilson P. Foss, to have and to hold the same unto himself, his heirs and assigns absolutely and forever."

In March, 1917, the Palisades Park Commission, after many years of litigation, succeeded in having the face of the quarry, from the river's edge to the top of the mountain, condemned for park purposes and Mr. Foss, who owned the property in its entirety by then, was forced to sell to the State for \$2,400,000 with the right to continue operations through 1923. Mr. Foss made a gift to the Park of the rest of the mountain, from its top to Rockland Lake Village on the west.

Foss, who was then out of all active business, thought he could remain content in the ranks of retired business men, and all would agree that by ordinary standards he had earned the right to a life of ease and comfort. He had a number of what are called "outside interests" in which he excelled and he thought, at first, that he could ride these hobbies and enjoy himself, free from further care and work. He was a good enough golfer to win "The Seniors Tournament," open to all amateur golfers in America older than fifty-five. His eyes were no longer good enough for championship performance in baulk-line billiards, but at three-cushion billiards no amateurs could beat him and very few of the best professionals. For years he had owned fast motor boats (he was a licensed pilot for thirty-five years). He won the Class B motor boat races at Larchmont in 1919, and when he died he owned a sixty-miles-an-hour speed boat in which he could, and did, beat the best express trains on the New York Central from Poughkeepsie Bridge to the Harlem River. He was a serious collector of fine old Chinese porcelains and jades and left a rare and beautiful collection of them when he died. He traveled extensively in Europe and in the Orient, seeking an outlet for his enormous energy and enthusiasm.

But none of these activities seemed to satisfy his mind or occupy his time sufficiently, and, when the directors of the New York Trap Rock Corporation (of which he was one) asked him in 1921 to take a more active interest in the management, he fairly jumped at the chance to get back into active business once again. New York Trap Rock Corporation (not to be confused with the New York Trap Rock *Company*) had been formed in 1918, just after the Palisades Park Commission purchased the Conklin & Foss Company, putting the New York Trap Rock Company out of business. It had purchased the name New York Trap Rock for its fine reputation and good will and it had also acquired by direct purchase:

1. The lease of the old Conklin & Foss quarry made to Conklin & Foss, New York Trap Rock Company and Wilson P. Foss by the Palisades Interstate Park;
2. Forty-six scows and their equipment owned by New York Trap Rock Company together with the capital stock of that company;
3. A quarry property at Kingston, New York;
4. A quarry property at East Haven, Connecticut, and
5. A quarry property at Little Falls, New York.

The assets above named had been mortgaged to secure \$2,650,000 of first mortgage six per cent. serial gold bonds, issued as a part of the purchase price of these and other assets.

The new corporation also acquired at that time all of the capital stock of Upper Hudson Stone Company which owned and operated quarries at New Hamburg, New York and Cedarcliff, New York, and operated under leases from the Bleaksley family a quarry at Verplanck, New York. It also owned a quarry property not then

being operated at Haverstraw, New York. The Upper Hudson Stone Company properties were subject to mortgages securing several bond issues. Not long after the organization of the corporation, Upper Hudson Stone Company was merged into New York Trap Rock Corporation which thus became the direct owner of the properties and leases of the Upper Hudson Stone Company. Subsequently, New York Trap Rock Corporation, pursuant to options contained in the leases thereof, acquired title to the Verplanck quarry properties. But, with a funded debt in excess of \$3,500,000 and with antiquated plants and equipment all in poor condition, New York Trap Rock Corporation was not supplying its market and was losing money.

After a careful study of all plants, Foss reported his findings to the directors and was sent by them to Canada to consult with R. T. Gent who operated a large modern quarry up there and was a recognized authority in the industry. Foss was so taken with Gent's advanced ideas and methods and with the man himself that he hired him, forthwith, much to the surprise of his fellow board members and to the chagrin of one in particular, J. G. Shaw, who happened to be also a vice-president of the company and in charge of plant operations. Foss, however, convinced the other directors of the wisdom of his decision and shortly thereafter Gent became superintendent in charge of all quarries, Mr. Shaw resigning in July, 1921, as vice-president and director. Foss was elected vice-president and he and Gent then attacked the job of modernizing the plants throughout—a job which called for the expenditure of large sums of money. Many of the stockholders and some of the directors were fearful of the consequences of such "recklessness" and before the year was out Mr. Foss had purchased their holdings and owned a majority control of the corporation. Under the guidance of Mr. Foss, various parcels of adjacent lands were acquired and the above quarry properties were thus rounded out to their present areas, and also, the various plants, except Cedarcliff which has been dismantled, were rebuilt into the great operating plants which they now are. During this whole period of rehabilitation, Foss received no remuneration for his services.

In 1926, Foss entered into negotiations with Stirling Tomkins, president of the Tomkins Cove Stone Company, which culminated on January 1, 1927, in the purchase of the properties, plants, scows and all other equipment of that company by New York Trap Rock Corporation for \$4,500,000 (the payment of which, originally, was undertaken by Mr. Foss, personally). The Tomkins Cove Stone Company was the outgrowth of a lime and cement business established at or near Stony Point about 1830 by Calvin Tomkins of Newark, New Jersey, which was incorporated originally under the name of Newark Lime & Cement Manufacturing Company. At the time of the acquisition of its properties by New York Trap Rock Corporation, the Tomkins Cove Company was still largely

owned by the Tomkins family, the original founders of the business. As a result of this transaction, New York Trap Rock Corporation acquired a limestone quarry at Tomkins Cove which had been operated successfully for many years and a newly erected plant and newly opened trap rock quarry at Haverstraw, New York, upon lands contiguous to the unoperated stone lands at Haverstraw which had been acquired at the organization of the corporation through merger with Upper Hudson Stone Company. Those old Upper Hudson Stone Company lands and the lands acquired from The Tomkins Cove Stone Company with some later additions now constitute the Haverstraw plant and quarry of New York Trap Rock Corporation. There were also acquired from The Tomkins Cove Stone Company stone reserves at or near Mount Ivy, Rockland County, and also some miscellaneous parcels of real estate.

All of the properties owned by the corporation including those acquired from The Tomkins Cove Stone Company were subjected to a mortgage to secure \$6,500,000 of first mortgage bonds issued at that time by New York Trap Rock Corporation together with \$750,000 of debentures. These securities and the proceeds thereof were used to pay the purchase price of the Tomkins' properties, to retire the outstanding bonds of the corporation, including those which had been issued by Upper Hudson Stone Company, leaving these first mortgage bonds and debentures as the only funded debt of the corporation. At regular intervals this funded debt was reduced until, at the time of Mr. Foss' death in 1930, it stood at \$6,572,000. (In 1941 the remaining funded debt was refinanced at a more favorable rate of interest and under much more favorable provisions covering amortization and, as of January 1, 1945, the corporation's total funded debt stood at \$2,775,000.)

When the Tomkins Cove properties were purchased in 1927, Mr. Tomkins became vice-president of New York Trap Rock Corporation and took over from Mr. Foss the active management of all production. But Foss could not tear himself away from the quarries which he had fathered for so long and loved so well, and rarely a day passed without his visiting one or more of the plants to advise and confer with Mr. Tomkins and the superintendents, or just to watch the wheels go 'round. It was on one of these visits in the winter of 1929-30, at the age of seventy-three, that he met with the fatal accident which resulted, some months later, in his death. A great pit had been cut out of the solid rock at Clinton Point in preparation for a big new primary crusher soon to be installed there and, in making an inspection of the site, he slipped on some ice at the pit's edge and fell to its concreted bottom, suffering injuries from which he never recovered. His broken ribs quickly mended and he was soon up and around again, but he was fatally injured, internally, by his fall and his rugged health failed rapidly thereafter. Early May found him confined to his bed and on the

evening of September 21st, at his New York apartment, he quietly passed away, leaving his dear wife and six devoted children as follows: Ruth; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Arthur Hildebrandt of Upper Nyack; Anna, who married A. D. Lawrence Jewett of Upper Nyack; Wilson P., Jr., of New York, who since 1930 has been chairman of the board of New York Trap Rock Corporation; Helen, wife of the artist, B. Cory Kilvert, living in New York; and Janice, wife of Warden M. Wilson, United States Diplomatic Service, stationed at present in Washington, District of Columbia.

HAROLD S. DEMING—Carrying on an extensive law practice in New York City, where he specializes in admiralty law, Harold Simpson Deming makes his home on South Mountain Road, New City, Rockland County.

Mr. Deming was born September 13, 1883, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Horace Edward and Caroline (Springstead) Deming and member of an old family. The Springsteads and the Demings have for years been residents in New York State. The father, born March 31, 1850, in Palmyra, New York, died June 11, 1930. He was a lawyer in New York City, with offices for many years at No. 15 William Street, and residence at No. 924 West End Avenue. Studying at Harvard University, he received the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees there and was elected to the honorary scholastic fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa. Engaged in the practice of law after 1877, he founded the Brooklyn Young Republican Club in 1880 and served as its president and chairman of its executive committee. He was special counsel, too, for the commissioner of accounts, and investigated the corporation counsel's office in New York City in 1885. He was a founder and an executive committeeman of the Commonwealth Club, which started the movement for ballot reform in New York City, and in 1887 became a founder and trustee of the Reform Club. He was chairman of the general committee of the New York Ballot Reform League in 1888, 1889 and 1890, and in 1891 became chairman of the executive committee of the People's Municipal League. An active reformer in New York municipal politics and author of "A Municipal Program," he became a founder of the National Municipal League in 1894, was a member of the National Civil Service Reform Association, and served on many reform committees and organizations. He married, July 17, 1878, Caroline Springstead, of Saugerties, New York, who died June 28, 1936. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Eleanor. 2. Harold Simpson, of further mention. 3. Constance. 4. Guy Spalding. 5. Agathe.

Of these, Harold S. Deming attended Phillips-Andover Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, and later entered Harvard University, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, in 1905 and the Bachelor of Laws degree, *cum laude*, in 1908. From September,

1908, to May, 1910, he served as assistant United States attorney for the southern district of New York. Between May, 1910, and October, 1912, he was a deputy assistant district attorney of New York County, and in 1912 he served as associate counsel of the Curran aldermanic committee. From 1912 to date he has been actively engaged in the practice of law. His present firm is Haight, Griffin, Deming and Gardner, with offices at No. 80 Broad Street, New York City.

He is a member of the Association of the Bar of The City of New York and of the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He is a member of the Century Club, the Harvard Club and India House, and is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, which he joined in student days. In leisure time he enjoys hunting, tennis, canoeing and farming. He is a Protestant in his religious faith. Since 1915 the Demings have lived in New City, and Mr. Deming takes a lively interest in the life of this community and of Rockland County. Formerly he served as chairman of the zoning commission of the town of Clarkstown, in this county. He is a director of the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the American-Scandinavian Foundation. Mrs. Deming has been active in Red Cross work.

On April 23, 1913, Harold S. Deming married Katharine Burritt, of New City, New York, daughter of William Nelson and Ann (Castle) Burritt. Mr. and Mrs. Deming became the parents of the following children, all born in New York City: 1. MacDonald Deming, born July 24, 1915, attended Phillips-Andover Academy, took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Harvard University and the Bachelor of Laws degree at Yale University, a lieutenant in the navy for Second World War service at the time of writing and a member of the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa. 2. Barbara, born July 23, 1917, attended the Friends' Seminary, New York City, and then took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Bennington College and that of Master of Arts at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. 3. Quentin B., born July 24, 1919, attended Loomis Institute, took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Dartmouth College, attended Dartmouth Medical College, then transferred to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, where he received the Doctor of Medicine degree; he is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society and the Alpha Omega Alpha fraternity, and at the time of writing is a lieutenant (j. g.) in the medical corps of the navy. 4. Angus, born March 13, 1926, attended Loomis Institute and Phillips-Andover Academy, and is at the time of writing, in the navy as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Brown University.

CHARLES DENTON SWAYZE—Member of well known banking families of Middletown, Orange County, Charles Denton Swayze has been an active figure in the world of finance, in this community and New

York City for the most of his mature years. Knowledge, judgment and experience in his work have contributed to the value of the services he renders to his fellowmen in all walks of life, as banker and citizen.

He was born in Middletown, February 14, 1895, son of George A. and Pauline (Denton) Swayze and a grandson of George L. Denton. Mrs. Swayze, still a resident and important figure of Middletown, was the daughter of George L. Denton, one of the founders and the first secretary-treasurer of the Middletown Savings Bank, which is the largest financial institution and largest mortgage loan agency in a vast area west of the Hudson River from the New Jersey State boundary to Albany and Binghamton, New York. Established in 1869, the bank acquired few depositors and made few loans for several years, but grew to be an important institution before the end of Mr. Denton's services in 1887. In the early years he was the only paid employee and in a very realistic sense was "The Bank." His daughter, Pauline (Denton) Swayze, still retains Pass Book Number Eight, issued to her by her father on the day the bank opened for deposits, September 6, 1869.

In 1905, George A. Swayze, son-in-law of George L. Denton, became a trustee of the Middletown Savings Bank, and he was president of the institution during the critical years between 1914 and 1933, the year of his death. No man had been for so long the head of the bank. He was succeeded in office by Harold B. Woodward, who, as boy and man, had been with the bank for fifty-one years.

Charles Denton Swayze, who succeeded Mr. Woodward in the presidency, is, as indicated, a native of Middletown, who attended the schools of his birthplace, and entered Columbia University, where he was a student for two years. In 1921 he returned to his home and became an employee of the Middletown Savings Bank. Later he went to New York City and engaged in a brokerage business in the metropolis, but in 1931 came again to the Middletown Savings Bank as treasurer. It is worthy of more than passing record that throughout the period of depression, when banks failed or were closed all over the country, the Middletown Savings Bank advanced in every feature of its business. Its prominent place in its field in eastern New York already has been mentioned. Just before celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, the fiscal statement of the institution showed assets of nearly \$16,000,000 and a surplus and undivided profits account of about \$2,000,000.

President Charles D. Swayze makes no claim of such a showing being the result of his leadership. The tradition and endeavors of the bank have been along the lines of thrift, sound investment and hard working officials, whose aim is the rendering of worthy public service. He is a former member of the executive committee of the New York State Savings Bank Association, and chairman, secretary and treasurer of Group Three

of the New York State Bankers Association. During the First World War he served in the United States Navy for the duration. He is a popular figure in the Middletown Club, and the Bankers Club of New York City, and is a trustee of the Orange County Home for Aged Women. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown.

COYLE & COYLE—In New City the firm of Coyle & Coyle occupies a leading position in insurance and real estate circles. This firm was established January 14, 1929, with John W. Coyle and Harry M. Coyle as partners in charge of operations. Harry M. Coyle was born April 24, 1907, and John W. Coyle, August 23, 1904, in New City, sons of the late John W. Coyle and of Emma (Pangborn) Coyle. The paternal grandfather, Michael Coyle, came to this country from Ireland many years ago and Coyle's Corner, in Nanuet, was named after him. The father, John W. Coyle, was born at Coyle's Corner, in Nanuet, New York. At one time he was assessor of the town of Clarkstown, where he was a Democratic leader of long standing. Later he moved to New City. He was a shoemaker by trade, and in later years conducted a local hotel, the New City Hotel, for a period of many years.

Public schools of New City provided Harry M. Coyle's formal education and he early turned his attention to business, serving in a number of different capacities and including the building trades, before joining hands with his brother, John, in the insurance and real estate business of Coyle & Coyle which, as already indicated, began operations January 14, 1929. He is now an officer of Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, Free and Accepted Masons. He is active, likewise, in the New City Business Men's Association and the New City Fire Engine Company, as well as in other civic enterprises, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Hackensack, New Jersey, August 13, 1932, Harry M. Coyle married Eleanor Lowe, daughter of William L. Campbell and Edna (Blanchard) Lowe Campbell. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Dennis, born June 28, 1936, in New City. 2. Barry, born September 24, 1937. 3. Richard Terrance, born August 12, 1940, in New City.

Mrs. Eleanor Coyle died January 26, 1945.

Harry M. Coyle served in the United States Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged June 7, 1945.

John W. Coyle attended New City Public School and Park Ridge High School. Thereafter he was employed in the Rockland County Treasurer's office and from 1925 to 1945 held the position of examiner in the New York State Department of Audit and Control. This employment was terminated by him in 1945 in order that he might devote his whole time and efforts to the business of Coyle & Coyle. He is a Pastor Master of Stony Point

Lodge, No. 313, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the New City Fire Engine Company and the business men's association, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Nyack, New York, September 11, 1928, John W. Coyle married Mildred D. Maier, daughter of Arthur L. Fenton and Mae (Pabst) Maier Fenton. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John W., born June 13, 1931, at Nyack. 2. Douglas C., born January 4, 1933, at Nyack.

RUTH SICKELS DODGE—Ruth Sickels Dodge, daughter of the late John Edmund Sickels and his wife, the former Lillie A. Stewart, was born on June 17, 1897, in the section of Rockland County known as Sickeltown.

The Sickels family goes back to Zacharius Sickels, who as a young military cadet in 1655 accompanied Peter Stuyvesant from Curaçao to New Amsterdam. His son Robert (1664-1729) in turn had a son named Willem, born in 1704, who moved to the southern part of Orange County which was later to become Rockland County. There he married Elysabet Kuyper and settled on an elevated ridge of land which ran down to the east bank of the Hackensack Creek. On the thousand acre tract which came into the family, five Dutch Colonial sandstone houses were built; in one of which, continuously owned by successive Sickels generations, Mrs. Dodge was born. The line of her descent from Willem Sickels came down through Nicholas (1736-79), William N. (1769-1803), Nicholas (1798-1875), John N. (1827-1911) and John Edmund (1857-1923).

After graduating from the Nyack High School and the New York School of Applied Design for Women, Mrs. Dodge had a successful career as a fashion artist. On February 27, 1926, at Sickeltown, she married Joseph Griswold Dodge, son of John Lanphere Dodge and Fanny (Cottrell) Dodge. Mr. Dodge attended the University of Kentucky and is the president of Bell & Company, Incorporated, and of Hollings-Smith Company, manufacturing chemists, of Orangeburg, Rockland County. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge are the parents of three children, all born in Orangeburg: Joseph Griswold, Jr., born August 11, 1927, John Lanphere, 3d, born January 6, 1930, and Elizabeth, born January 23, 1931.

GILBERT FORMAN—In Cold Spring, Putnam County, Gilbert Forman is an outstanding business man and useful public official. He is a native of the place, born October 30, 1887, son of Truman J. and Adeline (Cuzino) Forman. His father, an exceptionally skilled agriculturalist, cultivated some four hundred acres, and it was on the home estate that the son spent his boyhood and learned at first hand the good and bad sides of farming.

Gilbert Forman attended the local grade schools and was a student in the Haldane High School, at Cold

Spring. He engaged in the plumbing and heating trade, and from 1910 to 1939 conducted his own hardware establishment in Cold Spring. Down through the years, in addition to doing an excellent business in plumbing and heating installations, he has utilized his extensive knowledge of this part of the Hudson River Valley country, as a dealer in real estate in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties. He has sold many of the large estates in this part of New York State, among them the two thousand five hundred-acre estate of Rhinelander Waldo.

Formerly Mr. Forman was treasurer of the village of Cold Spring. His abilities and devotion to the best public developments became so well recognized that he was elected supervisor from the town of Philipstown, in 1926. He has had the honor of being reelected to this important office ever since that time, and is now serving his ninth term. He is a member of the Cold Spring Fire Company, and fraternally is affiliated with the Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons. His favorite recreation is fishing, and he knows the best waters over a wide territory.

At Cold Spring, New York, Gilbert Forman married Viola M. Patterson, a native of this place, daughter of Daniel Patterson and Phoebe Jane (Nelson) Patterson, both deceased. Mrs. Forman is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, through the Nelson family.

GRAHAM WITSCHIEF—To many the outstanding feature of the life of Graham Witschief, of Newburgh, Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, was his early and long continued identification with public affairs and offices. A lawyer, who was admitted to the bar in the year he arrived at his majority, he had the not unusual difficulties of a youthful attorney in getting started in his profession, but nevertheless rose rapidly to a place of leadership in Orange County. His services were frequently drafted for elective and appointive offices, and his juridical qualities won recognition when he was elected to the Supreme Court bench, a post in which he achieved a notable record and rendered most excellent service to the Commonwealth of New York.

Born in Port Jervis, New York, on February 20, 1875, he was the son of Peter and Florence (Graham) Witschief. After completing his formal education, he matriculated at the Albany School of Law, from which he was graduated, one of its most brilliant students, with the class of 1896, and was admitted to the bar on December 1 of that year. After spending two months in the Port Jervis office of O. P. Howell, former surrogate, he removed to Newburgh, Orange County, to become associated with Russell Headley and Benjamin McClung, engaged in a general practice of the law. When both of these men went to Albany, Justice Witschief remained

in Newburgh and, as indicated, became a leader of the Orange County bar.

Sound and progressive citizenship was one of the traditions he inherited and good government was among the things in which Justice Witschief became interested as a youth. He was a young man when in 1901 he was elected to the Newburgh Common Council, and named its president, and served well as chairman of the body that preceded the city council of the Plan C form of municipal government, as the legislative branch of this government. In 1912 he was appointed corporation council when John B. Corwin was mayor. After a number of years, he was again appointed in 1927, to succeed Mr. Corwin as city attorney. In 1929 he resigned from this office to become a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court of New York State, and was duly elected and installed upon the bench on January 1, 1930. Thereafter he was continued in office, being elected in 1943, without opposition, for the usual long term, but which would have come to an end only some months after his death, in 1945, under the provision that provides for the retirement of a Supreme Court Justice at the end of the year in which he reaches the age of seventy.

The public services of Justice Witschief, however noteworthy as lawyer and jurist, were not confined to the bench and bar. He entered a number of fields of human affairs and contributed importantly to the broader development of the community and the welfare of the people of his adopted city of Newburgh, which he loved and for which he labored constantly and effectively throughout his life. Justice Witschief was one of the early presidents of Newburgh Rotary Club and in 1929 the club presented him with a life membership. He was a member of the Powelton Club, Newburgh City Club, and fraternally was affiliated with Newburgh Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a Past Master; Highland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Hudson River Commandery, Knights Templar.

So long ago as November, 1915, chamber of commerce organizations of places in the Hudson River Valley formed an association and it was an evidence of the standing he had already attained in the community that he was chosen the first president of the new organization—the Central Hudson Federation of Chambers of Commerce. He had served as a member of the committee on character and fitness of the Ninth Judicial District and had been on the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association and was a member of the American Bar Association.

In 1904, at Port Jervis, New York, Graham Witschief married Mary Farnum, daughter of Peter and Mary (Conkling) Farnum, and they became the parents of three children: Captain Graham Witschief, Jr., United States Army, serving overseas in World War II; Mrs. John W. Wood, of Washingtonville, and Mrs. Charles H. Wood, of Syracuse.



Grohen Witschke



After more than a year of failing health, Justice Graham Witschief died on January 11, 1945, at his home in Newburgh, little more than a month before he would have celebrated his seventieth birthday. Few men have more friends to mourn their passing, or are more esteemed by colleagues upon the bench and at the bar for their accomplishments. Always a student of the law, he attained a profound knowledge of the fundamentals of this subject. Blessed with a juridical mentality, he was sane and foresighted and humanitarian in his applications of justice and of common sense to the cases brought before him for his opinion. His name will be graven high upon the tablets of the annals of his city, county and State, for what he achieved, and for what he was as man, citizen and Justice of the Supreme Court.

BART EUGENE CORSENTINO, M. D.—Although one of the comparatively recent additions to the noteworthy professional fraternity of Haverstraw, Rockland County, Dr. Bart Eugene Corsentino has come to the fore rapidly, not only as an able practitioner of the art and science of healing, but as a progressive citizen, one ready always to lend aid to local efforts of worth and consequence. He is a native of New York City, born November 7, 1911, son of Nicholas and Lucia (Perricone) Corsentino, his mother being now deceased.

Deciding to enter the medical profession, Dr. Corsentino went about this difficult task with a thoroughness and a sacrifice of personal interests that ultimately brought deserved reward. He attended metropolitan public schools and was graduated from New Utrecht High School, and entered Columbia University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1931. Remaining with his *alma mater*, he was graduated from the Columbia University School of Medicine in 1934, a Doctor of Medicine. To further his knowledge of medicine and surgery, he was an interne in a New York City hospital, and then was resident physician at the Harlem Hospital, also of this city. Since 1940 he has engaged in the practice of his profession in Haverstraw, Rockland County, and has won a name for himself that spreads far beyond the bounds of this city. He is a member of the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern; visiting physician of New York State Reconstruction Hospital; health officer of West Haverstraw; examining physician of the local draft board No. 73, Second World War, a member of the Rockland County Medical Society, and Censor on the Comitia Minora of the Rockland County Medical Society, to represent Northern Rockland County. He likewise is a member of the Haverstraw Rotary Club, and active in many local affairs. A busy man, he has little time for recreation, but is an exceptionally good gardener, blessed with the "green thumb," meaning that he knows both the how and the why of raising plants, shrubs and the like.

At New York City, in April, 1940, Bart Eugene Corsentino married Loretta Saunders. They have one daughter, Lucia Linda.

W. VAN ALAN CLARK—For many years active in business and public affairs, W. Van Alan Clark, of Suffern, is vice-president of Allied Products, Inc., and a director of the California Perfume Company. His business headquarters are at No. 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. His background of mechanical engineering and business management has well equipped him for his present varied services to others, and he is a highly esteemed member of the Suffern community.

Mr. Clark was born December 7, 1887, in Long Branch, New Jersey, son of William V. and Mary Vanderbilt (Spader) Clark. He received his early formal education in the schools of his native community, then became a student at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York, where he received, in 1909, the degree of Mechanical Engineer. His first professional activity was in association with the Consolidated Gas Company of New York and the Astoria Light, Heat & Power Company, with whom he remained between 1909 and 1914. Then, until 1916, Mr. Clark was with the Brooklyn Union Gas Company. In 1917 he went to West Pullman, Illinois, to associate himself with the Tuco Products Corporation. During the period of American participation in the First World War, Mr. Clark was with the United States Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, remaining in that connection from 1917 to 1919.

It was with that varied background of achievement and experience that he came, in 1918, to the two organizations with which he continues to be associated—Allied Products, Inc., of which he is vice-president, as already noted, and the California Perfume Company, which he serves as a director. Mr. Clark has many social and civic affiliations. He is a member of the New York Athletic Club, the Union League Club of New York, the Houvenkopf Country Club of Suffern and the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is a Boy Scout commander. In his religious faith he is a devout Presbyterian. In spare time he enjoys outdoor life, particularly fishing and sailing. He has a summer place at East Falmouth, Massachusetts, as well as his home in Suffern.

W. Van Alan Clark married, in 1917, in Suffern, New York, Edna B. McConnell. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Hays. 2. W. Van Alan, Jr. 3. James McConnell.

HENRY HUBBARD WELLS—Mayor of the village of Brewster, Putnam County, and an outstanding citizen of this community, Henry Hubbard Wells is a member of one of the long established families of this section, which is largely composed of people from nearby Litchfield, Connecticut. His ancestral connections go

back to the beginnings of the Massachusetts Bay Colony of more than three centuries ago.

Wells is one of the oldest names in English nomenclature, and in Great Britain evidently goes back to one of the most powerful houses in Normandy and Provence, France, in the eighth century. Representatives of this family came to England with William the Conqueror, and in the thirteenth century the English family bore titles that were later corrupted in spelling to Welles and Wells. Many of its men were notable for achievements abroad, even as they were ultimately in the New World. In America, Thomas Welles (Wells) came to Boston, Massachusetts, in about 1636, and in the following year went to Connecticut, where he became governor of the Colony, 1655-67.

The line of descent from Governor Welles to Henry Hubbard Wells, with whom this record is primarily concerned, is as follows: Governor Thomas Welles; his eldest son, John (1); John (2), eldest son of John (1) and Elizabeth (Bourne) Wells; Deacon Thomas Wells, youngest son of John (2) and Mary (Hollister) Wells; Hezekiah Wells, youngest son of Deacon Thomas and Sarah (Stiles) Wells; Philip, eldest child of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Nichols) Wells; Tomlinson, fifth son of Philip and Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Wells; and Frank, youngest son of Tomlinson and Electa (Smith) Wells. A book might be written around the activities of the aforesaid members of the Wells family over a period of two hundred and more years.

Henry Hubbard Wells was born in Brewster, New York, January 25, 1877, son of Frank and Caroline (Crosby) Wells, and the eighth generation from Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut. His father, born September 2, 1841, at Litchfield, Connecticut, compiled a noteworthy record in the Civil War, receiving his honorable discharge with the rank of major. For the most part he was captain of Company I, 13th Connecticut Volunteer Regiment. In 1869 he located in Brewster, New York, where he was prominently identified with local enterprises, including a quarter of a century as cashier of the First National Bank of Brewster, of which he eventually became president. A Republican, school trustee of Brewster Village, and many years treasurer of Putnam County, Frank Wells was one of the leading citizens of the community. He likewise was a thirty-second degree Mason, and was affiliated with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He married, November 8, 1871, Caroline Crosby, born August 26, 1850, daughter of Thomas Crosby, a boot-maker of Putnam County, and Lydia Pauline Crosby. They were the parents of three children.

Henry Hubbard Wells, the last born, is a graduate of the Brewster Union Free School, 1892; the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut, class of 1896; and Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, in 1900, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was admitted to the

New York bar in 1903. During these years he carried forward the military traditions of his family, being a sergeant, first class, of the Ninth Company, United States Volunteer Signal Corps, in the Spanish-American War of 1898. Under Captain Ives, he was stationed at Puerto Rico, West Indies, and was also detailed to serve under the signal corps officer on the staff of General A. Miles.

After being admitted to the New York bar, Mr. Wells practiced his profession at White Plains, New York. Like many another native of Brewster, he returned to the village of which he has been mayor since 1935, doing a splendid job in this important office in these global war times. He is chairman of selective service board, No. 301, Putnam County, and is a director of the First National Bank of Brewster. Fraternally he is affiliated with Groton Lodge, No. 368, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. His college fraternity is Zeta Psi. Mr. Wells was reared in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church; his wife is a member of the Friends Meeting.

At Chappaqua, New York, July 9, 1912, Henry Hubbard Wells married Caroline Alfreda Washburn, daughter of Alfred and Anna (Hibbs) Washburn. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are the parents of six children: 1. Tomlinson, born June 15, 1913. 2. Alfred Washburn, born June 24, 1916. 3. Henry Hubbard, Jr., born October 31, 1917. 4. Howard Crosby, born January 25, 1922. 5. Virginia, born May 26, 1923. 6. Frank, born June 24, 1929.

VIOLA W. BERNARD, M. D.—A member of the younger professional coterie of Nyack, Rockland County, Dr. Viola W. Bernard has won a name for herself in metropolitan New York City in the field of psychiatry. Her career is an exemplification of the fact that in these modern days sex does not prevent the making of a career in any profession, providing one has the ability, the courage and the ambition to achieve without regard to difficulties or prejudices.

Dr. Bernard is a native of New York City, born February 22, 1907, the daughter of the late Jacob Wertheim and Emma (Stern) Wertheim, her father being a cigar manufacturer on a large scale and a pioneer in industrial relations. She attended the elementary and secondary schools of her birth city, was a student at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts; received the degree of Bachelor of Science from New York University, and completed her technical education at Cornell University Medical School, where she was graduated with the class of 1936, a Doctor of Medicine.

There followed an internship in the Jersey City Medical Center, New Jersey, and experience gained as resident psychiatrist at the Grasslands and New York Psychiatric institutes, New York. As is indicated, she is a specialist in psychiatry and psychoanalysis, and is engaged in private practice in New York City at No. 930



Violet Bernard



Fifth Avenue as well as consultant to several social agencies. She always has kept in close touch not only with her profession and specialty, but with her scholastic institutions. Dr. Bernard is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York County Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychoanalytic Association and other professional societies; is active in the field of social welfare, serving on various boards. Dr. Bernard is a member of the staff of Columbia Medical Center, and is a member of the faculty of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and of the New York School of Social Work. Tennis has been her favorite game and recreation, and she devotes a great deal of time and attention to her charming estate "Sky Island Lodge," in Nyack, one of the beauty places in this section of Rockland County.

HERBERT E. HENION—Widely known in Rockland County, Herbert E. Henion is a lawyer in Nyack, a resident and police justice in the village of Sloatsburg, and county attorney of Rockland County.

Judge Henion was born December 27, 1903, in Sloatsburg, Rockland County, New York, son of David and Carrie (Fay) Henion. His father, a native of Sloatsburg, was for more than a half-century a telegrapher with the Erie Railroad. The mother, Mrs. Carrie (Fay) Henion, was born in Unionville, New York.

Sloatsburg public schools furnished Herbert E. Henion's early formal education. Graduated from Suffern High School in 1920, he became a student at Columbia College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925, and at the Columbia University School of Law, where he was graduated in 1928 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted in June, 1928, to the New York State bar, he was active in the practice of law in Sloatsburg until 1930. Then, establishing himself in Nyack, he was associated with the office of Natalie (Couch) Williams until 1937, after which, until June, 1943, he was a partner in the law firm of Couch and Henion, in Nyack. In June, 1943, he was appointed county attorney of Rockland County, in which position he continues to serve.

In addition to his new work as county attorney, Mr. Henion has been a police justice of the village of Sloatsburg since January 1, 1932. A Republican in politics, he takes a deep interest in public affairs. He belongs to the Rockland County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association, and is a trustee of the Sloatsburg Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Sloatsburg Fire Department. Gardening and outdoor sports are among his favorite recreations.

On August 17, 1935, in Tuxedo Park, New York, Herbert E. Henion married Mabel T. Spiers, daughter of Carlton T. and Mabel (Jefferson) Spiers. They became the parents of four children, all born in Tuxedo Park: 1. Herbert E., Jr., born September 29, 1939. 2. Gay S., born August 24, 1941. 3. Dawn M., born June 10, 1943. 4. Timothy D., born April 17, 1945.

G. LeROY SCHEINLER—In these global war times with the vast disruption of American imports, especially of natural rubber, G. LeRoy Scheinler, of New York City and Nyack, New York, stands out as one of the leaders in the crude rubber import business. He has been identified with the crude rubber brokerage business for nearly a quarter of a century, and is a high executive of one of the outstanding American firms in the trade.

Mr. Scheinler was born in Piermont, Rockland County, New York, May 5, 1901, son of George and Lillie May (Tilt) Scheinler, his mother born at Tappan, New York, about seventy-five years ago. His father, a native of Piermont, was long engaged in the plumbing and heat contracting business in Rockland County. After completing his academic education, G. LeRoy Scheinler began his career in trade in association with the late Charles E. Wood, of Grand View, New York, a New York City broker in crude rubber. This material comes from more parts of the globe than the East Indies, and there are many difficult characteristics of its import and disposal that must be learned at first hand and with a thoroughness not required of most vocations. He was with Charles E. Wood, from 1919 to 1924, and his duties included frequent trips to the great tire making centers of Akron, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and ultimately his territory was extended to the Pacific Coast.

In 1924, Mr. Scheinler resigned from the Wood organization to accept a position with the Robert Badenhof Corporation, of New York City, importers of crude rubber, with offices at No. 200 Broadway. His connection with this strong company has since continued and in it he has risen to executive leadership. In 1927, he was elected secretary of the corporation; since 1930 he has been vice-president and a member of its board of directors. In private life Mr. Scheinler has a variety of interests and is civic-minded in his coöperation with movements and groups that undertake to promote community improvements. He has been a trustee of the village of South Nyack, since 1935, or a full decade. He is president and a member of the board of governors of the Rockland Country Club, golf being his favorite form of recreational sport. Fraternally Mr. Scheinler is affiliated with Piermont Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Rockland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Commandery, Knights Templar, at Nyack. Among other business activities, he is president of the Cleveland Metal Hardening Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, is vice-president of the Commodity Exchange, Inc., of New York City, and is chairman of the board of the Rubber Trade Association of New York. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 21, 1925, G. LeRoy Scheinler married Gertrude I. Miggins, of Piermont, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Ella L. (Lindsay) Miggins. The ceremony was performed in Christ Episcopal Church, of

Sparkill, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Scheinler are the parents of three children, all born at Nyack: 1. Janice E., born June 15, 1927, attending Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts. 2. Barbara L., born November 14, 1931. 3. G. LeRoy, Jr., born June 15, 1937. Mrs. Scheinler is especially active and popular in humanitarian and club life, being a member of the Civic League of Nyack, Nurses Aid, World War II, Piermont Board of the Nyack Hospital Auxiliary, the Nyack Playground, Altar Guild of Christ Episcopal Church, and of the Rockland Country Club.

JOHN T. ROWLAND—The name Rowland has long been associated with historic "Hempstead Farms," at Spring Valley, New York, John T. Rowland, the former owner of this large agricultural enterprise, taking over its activities after the death of his father who bore the same name. The son, of this record, was a widely-known New Jersey architect, although his profession never overcame his love of the soil and making it produce.

Mr. Rowland was born on "Hempstead Farms," son of John T. and Nancy (Duffie) Rowland, his mother being a native of Dover, New Jersey. John T. Rowland, the elder, was a contractor and builder of many large enterprises, who in 1869 purchased the historic "Hempstead Farms," one of the fields of its broad acres being "The Parade," where American soldiers drilled for the War of 1812.

John T. Rowland, the younger, acquired his preliminary education in District School No. 10, village of Hempstead, prepared for college at Hasbrouck Institute, Jersey City, and studied at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He also pursued special architectural designing courses at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Rowland was engaged as an architect in Jersey City, serving the board of education from the beginning of the present century. He was architect for the Jersey City Medical Center, the Hudson County Tuberculosis Hospital, and several large business buildings in Jersey City. He also served as a director of the Trust Company of New Jersey.

Since the passing of his father in 1908, John T. Rowland operated "Hempstead Farms," and from time to time purchased additional acres until it now comprises four hundred and twenty-five acres. Great barns house one hundred and sixty-two pure bred Jersey cattle.

John T. Rowland married and was the father of one daughter, Katherine (Rowland) Blake, of California. the mother of two daughters, twins, Nancy Rowland Stableford and Joan Rowland, graduates of Scripps College, in California.

J. WILSON POUCHER, M. D.—Not among the least of the achievements of J(ohn) Wilson Poucher, M. D., of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, is eighty-seven years of a life packed with incidents and services

and important contributions to the annals of his day and generation. He never has been an idle bystander observing the march of progress; he always has joined the parade and helped it on, frequently as a pioneer in the most extraordinary developments of a period that comprises more than half of the history of the United States since it became a Nation.

In brief review of a career that is characteristic of the democracy which we call American, only certain salient facts can be indicated. Dr. Poucher's name is derived from a very ancient ancestry, on the paternal side from French Huguenots who sought refuge in England. Bouche was probably the original form of the name, which under the weird records of scribes who could not spell, ultimately became Poucher. One Simon Bouche, the American progenitor, native of France who lived in England, migrated to the New World prior to 1658. He found employment on the large estates of Patroon Van Rensselaer, more particularly in the present Albany section of New York. His son, Pierre, was born near Claverack, in 1675, was the father of Jacob and the grandfather of Antoine, born April 30, 1775, and who lived to 1856. The latter's son, Johannes, born October 11, 1806, was the father of Peter Poucher, born May 5, 1835. Nearly all of the forebears were millers by trade, but Peter Poucher devoted his attention to agriculture, until his death in 1921. He married Mary Etta Cummings of New York and New England derivation, daughter of Jacob Cummings of Claverack. Her death occurred in 1870.

J. Wilson Poucher, M. D., was born at Martindale, Columbia County, New York, July 24, 1859, son of Peter and Mary Etta (Cummings) Poucher, his father a farmer and veteran of the Civil War. After attending rural schools, he entered Claverack College and Hudson River Institute, from which he was graduated in 1879. He taught school for several terms, then matriculated at the Albany Medical College, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1883, and began the practice of his profession at Modena, Ulster County. Although successful from the first, Dr. Poucher was not content with his knowledge and attainments and went abroad in 1885 and pursued postgraduate work in Berlin, Vienna and Paris, specializing in surgery and gynecology. In 1887, he returned to the United States and for almost six decades has been identified with his profession in Poughkeepsie where he speedily won repute as a surgeon and physician. He ushered hundreds of infants into the world and his services were in constant demand, but his practice was nevertheless general in character and he served at one time or another on the staffs of Vassar and other hospitals. He once was president of the board and manager of the Hudson River State Hospital. Dr. Poucher was a leader in the founding of the Dutchess-Putnam County Medical Society; was president of the board of Pension Examining Surgeons; was one of the organizers of the American College of



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Surgeons; and for years was a member of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Although born prior to the Civil War, Dr. Poucher was young enough at the time of the Spanish-American War to engage in military services of his country as first lieutenant and surgeon of the 201st New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, in charge of a division hospital, Department of the East, a very responsible duty when typhoid fever was ravaging American soldiers. In 1917 and the immediate after years, Dr. Poucher tendered his services to the United States Medical Corps, but these could not be accepted because of age limitations. His son, Franklin J., was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

So long ago as 1896, Dr. Poucher was elected an alderman of the city of Poughkeepsie. He was a commissioner of public works, 1897 to 1906. His civic activities have always been of high order. Over a period since the turn of the century he has been a director and vice-president of the Poughkeepsie Trust Company, the financial adviser of countless people. At all times he has been coöperative in all manner of organizations and numbered among his memberships are those in the Amrita Club, the Dutchess Club, Balsam Lake Fishing Club, and the Washington Street Methodist Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, a member of both the York and Scottish rites; member of Triune Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Poughkeepsie Chapter, No. 172, Royal Arch Masons; Poughkeepsie Chapter, No. 43, Knights Templar; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, New York City; and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to Poughkeepsie Lodge, No. 275, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Dr. Poucher is a member of many historical societies, including the Dutchess County Society, of which he was formerly secretary; Holland Society; the Sons of the American Revolution; and is a hereditary member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Fortunately for his community and the Hudson River Valley region, Dr. Poucher has long been interested in local history. His own "Reminiscences" are of great historical value; and since retiring from the active practice of his profession he has written more than half a hundred articles on the annals of Dutchess County, published in the "Year Book" of the Historical Society. He is the joint author of "Old Gravestones of Dutchess County," containing an accurate transcription of nineteen thousand tombstones, entailing an immense amount of work, an enterprise carried on chiefly at his own expense. Later he helped compile a similar work that has inscriptions of approximately twenty-five thousand stones.

At New Paltz, New York, June 2, 1892, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher married Catherine DuBois LeFevre, daughter of Jacob and Ann Amelia (Woolsey) LeFevre. Her father, who was a member of Congress, was highly

esteemed throughout this region all his life. Dr. and Mrs. Poucher became the parents of two children: 1. Anne L. F., born August 2, 1894, who married John R. Schwartz, able district attorney of Dutchess County; they have one daughter, Catharine DuBois, born October 25, 1929. 2. Franklyn J., born May 30, 1898; he served for two years with the American Expeditionary Forces in France and Germany, World War I; he married Eleanor Taylor, daughter of Dr. Ewing Taylor of New York City; their children are Eleanor G. and John L. F.

FRANK E. LEAYCRAFT.—For years active in the woolen business, Frank E. Leaycraft is sales manager of the men's wear department of the William Whitman Company, of New York City. He makes his home in Nyack, where he has lived practically since the turn of the century.

Mr. Leaycraft was born in what is known as Greenwich Village, in the Ninth Ward of New York City, son of E. S. and Manuela (Sypher) Leaycraft. His father was a mechanical engineer and an inventor, member of a pioneer New York family.

New York public schools provided Frank E. Leaycraft's early formal education, and at the age of sixteen years, after completing his studies in schools in Jersey City Heights, New Jersey, he began his business career as an office boy. Serving in that capacity and as a general errand boy, he was first of all associated with the wholesale butter and egg house of Fisher & Rittenhouse, in New York City. Later he entered the woolen business with the Globe Woolen Company, of New York City, serving for three years in their sales organization. Afterward he became active in the William Whitman Company, Inc., of whose men's wear department he is sales manager at the time of writing. He has been connected with the woolen industry for more than a half-century.

Since April 25, 1901, Mr. Leaycraft has resided in Nyack, where he has also become prominent in business circles. Here he is a director of the Nyack Building & Loan Association, a past director of the Sparkill National Bank and a leader in community life. He was formerly mayor of the village of South Nyack for seventeen years, a governor of Nyack Hospital and a trustee of the Nyack Board of Education. During the First World War he was with the Army Quartermaster Corps, ranking as a captain of the quartermaster corps woollens branch. He is an honorary member of Orangetown Engine Company No. 1, is a past vice-president of the Rockland Country Club, an ex-president of the Nyack Club, and life member of Rockland Lodge, No. 723 (Nyack) of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Reformed and Episcopal churches.

In Jersey City Heights, New Jersey, November 28, 1894, Frank E. Leaycraft married Mary E. Wilson, daughter of John and Ida M. (Ray) Wilson, of Washing-

ton, District of Columbia. They became the parents of the following children: i. Helen, born in Jersey City Heights, became the wife of C. B. Weed and the mother of their two children: i. C. B. Weed, Jr., a medical student at Flower Hospital, New York, in the service of his country during the Second World War. ii. F. L. Weed, also in the war service with the army air forces. 2. John Wilson, born in Jersey City Heights, married Gertrude Anderson; he is associated with the William Whitman Company, and he and his wife are the parents of three children, all born in Nyack: i. John Wilson Leaycraft, Jr. ii. Elsa Anderson Leaycraft. iii. May Wilson Leaycraft.

KARL A. KIRCHNER—For years active in different branches of business endeavor, Karl A. Kirchner is now engaged extensively in the real estate and insurance business in Rockland County, with offices and headquarters in Tappan. He recently also changed his residence to Tappan, from Orangeburg, where he formerly centered his business undertakings.

Mr. Kirchner was born June 7, 1879, in Sondheim, Rhoen, Germany, son of Gottlieb and Louise (Hoffman) Kirchner. His father was a cabinetmaker.

Public schools in Germany provided Karl A. Kirchner's early formal education, and at the age of sixteen, being an unusually energetic boy, he came to the United States, arriving on March 16, 1896. He took a special course at the Young Men's Christian Association School located then at the southwest corner of Fourth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, in New York City, and in a short while turned his attention to the business world. At the outset of his career, he entered the cigar business as a clerk at 30 East Twenty-third Street, New York City. One and a half years later he joined the organization of his brother-in-law, Frederick Meyer, in the manufacture of cigars, beginning as a factory employee and shipping clerk. Subsequently, in 1900, at the age of twenty-one years, Karl A. Kirchner became a sales representative of the same company, then known as the Amanba Cigar Company.

On August 21, 1901, he became a citizen of the United States, and that same year entered the service of Carlos Garcia & Company, of New York City, manufacturers of superior brand Havana cigars, as a salesman. His highly ambitious nature however, led him to look to broader fields, and he found his opportunity in purchasing and operating a chain of cigar stands throughout New York City. In August, 1915, he opened a stationery and cigar store on the corner of Hudson County Boulevard and Stuyvesant Avenue, Jersey City, and renovated the building, adding a modern front. His lease was for ten years but in 1917 he purchased the property which consisted of four stores and apartments for six families. In 1921, due to a nervous ailment, Mr. Kirchner sold his interests and sailed to Europe to recover his health. He

visited several of the famous Spas in Germany, and also spent some time revisiting the place of his birth, and extending his travels to other sections of Europe.

On his return to the United States in the fall of 1921, Karl A. Kirchner built a residence on a piece of property he had purchased at Orangeburg, in Rockland County, back in 1909. He has lived in that section of New York State since. In the same year, 1921, anxious to get back into the business world, he established a real estate and insurance business in Orangeburg, and in 1923 he transferred the office to Tappan, a village that is outstanding in the history of our country. Successful in his new business venture, he has done much to build up this region of New York State, and is responsible for many civic improvements.

Mr. Kirchner was a director of the First National Bank of Sparkill, New York, is a director of the Orangetown Savings & Loan Association; and formerly he served as president of the Rockland County Realty Board. He also was a member of the board of condemnation commissioners in charge of condemnation proceedings on Route No. 303 of the New York State highway system. At all times Mr. Kirchner has revealed a deep interest in tax problems in his district. Being very interested in the real estate profession he attends many conventions of the New York State Real Estate Association, the New Jersey Real Estate Board and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. He is also a member of the New York State Appraisal Society, holds real estate licenses for the States of New York and New Jersey. He is a member of the Tappan Civic League, the Manse Barn Fellowship Club of Tappan, the South Orangetown Republican Club, Dutch Arms Men's Club, and the Orangetown Lions Club (of which he is a past president). He is a member of the Orangeburg Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the Nyack Community Ambulance Corps. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Haverstraw Lodge, No. 877, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Wawayanda Lodge, No. 315, of the Free and Accepted Masons (in Sparkill). He belongs to the Piermont Reformed Church.

Karl A. Kirchner married, September 5, 1918, in New York City, Marie Meyer, daughter of Fred and Dora Meyer. They became the parents of one son, Karl F. Kirchner, who was born July 24, 1926, in Orangeburg, was an honor student in public schools here, then was graduated from Nyack High School in 1943, and became a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, class of 1946, joining the Phi Mu Delta fraternity. Karl F. joined the United States Navy, in the service of his country, in November, 1944, and on his release he hopes to continue his college education.

Mr. Kirchner recently purchased a pre-Revolutionary stone house, located on a beautiful four and one-half-acre site in Tappan, which he has both restored and modernized, and where he now resides.



Louise Hasbrouck Zimar -

DONALD G. PARTRIDGE—Carrying on a general practice of law, Donald G. Partridge is one of Nanuet's leading professional men. He is widely known throughout Rockland County and this vicinity for his participation in civic and social affairs.

Mr. Partridge was born June 4, 1913, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Harry C. and Lillian F. (Jacobsen) Partridge. In 1927 his family moved to West Nyack, New York. His father, a native of Brooklyn and later a resident of Rockland County, is a real estate broker with offices in Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Donald G. Partridge attended public schools in Brooklyn, and was graduated in 1930 from Haverstraw High School. After completing his high school studies, he became a student at Georgetown University, in Washington, District of Columbia, then received his Bachelor of Laws degree at Fordham University, in New York, and in 1940 was made a Master of Laws by New York University. Admitted to the New York State bar in February, 1940, Mr. Partridge entered upon a general law practice at Nanuet, New York. He has continued his work along these lines down to the time of writing, except for that time which he spent in the United States Army during World War II.

His activities that have been of special value are his services as chairman of the National War Fund and the Infantile Paralysis Drive of Nanuet and Bardonia. In fact, his family has made a substantial contribution to the Second World War effort. He and his five brothers, Clinton, Stanley, Horace, George and Charles all served in the United States Army. One of Donald G. Partridge's major interests is St. Anthony's Church, in Nanuet, where he has served as secretary and president of the Holy Name Society and secretary of the Archdiocesan Union of this society in New York State. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Pearl River, the Ambulance Drivers of Nanuet, the Nanuet Fire Company, and regularly serves as an usher at St. Anthony's Church. Fond of the out-of-doors, he enjoys fishing and boating as favorite recreations.

At St. Ann's Church, Nyack, New York, July 23, 1938, Donald G. Partridge married Ruth Claire Cantwell, a native of South Nyack, daughter of John F. and Agnes (McCafferty) Cantwell, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Partridge became the parents of the following children: 1. Constance, born April 26, 1939. 2. Sharon Elaine, born May 8, 1940. 3. Virginia, born June 11, 1941. 4. Donald G., Jr., born June 30, 1944.

LOUISE SEYMOUR (HASBROUCK) ZIMM—Has been connected with the writing and editorial professions for many years, having been on the editorial staff of "Delineator" and "Good Housekeeping" magazines and subsequently freelancing as author and compiler. She has contributed fiction, serials and articles to "Harper's Monthly," "Woman's Home Companion," "St.

Nicholas" and other periodicals and is the author or compiler of about a dozen books, mainly for young readers, including: "Mexico from Cortes to Carranza" (Appleton-Century); "La Salle" (Macmillan); "Israel Putnam" (Appleton-Century); "Chokecherry Island," "Those Careless Kincaids," "At the Sign of the Wild Horse" (Appleton-Century); and the compilations: "The Boy's Parkman" (Macmillan), "Insect Adventures" (from J. H. Fabre) (Dodd, Mead) and others.

She first became interested in the history of Ulster County through reading, in her father's home in Ogdensburg, New York, Ralph LeFevre's "History of New Paltz," an enchanting book about her Huguenot ancestors, but never visited the county until shortly before her marriage. Since then, however, she has made up for lost time by becoming greatly enamored of its scenery, history and people. Induced by her remote cousin and valued friend, the late Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck, to prepare papers for the Ulster County Historical Society which he revived about 1929, she began its study in earnest and is now one of those peculiar, out-of-this-world characters who know far more of the past than of the present, which, however, in her case, she claims is not saying a great deal.

Mrs. Zimm was born in Ogdensburg, New York, daughter of Louis Hasbrouck, III, an attorney, whose grandfather emigrated *via* scow and horseback from Guilford, near New Paltz, to Ogdensburg, then Oswegatchie, on the St. Lawrence, in 1798, later returning to fetch his bride, Catherine Banks, daughter of Justus Banks of Shawangunk. Mrs. Zimm's mother was Emmeline E. (Knap) Hasbrouck, of old New York and New England ancestry, whose great-grandfather, Samuel Knap, lived at Goshen, Orange County, New York, and was killed in 1777 in the Battle of Minisink. His name is on the Goshen monument, with that of his brother, James Knap. Louise Seymour Hasbrouck attended Wellesley College and married, October 29, 1919, Bruno Louis Zimm, sculptor, of New York City and Woodstock, New York. He died November 21, 1943. Their son, Bruno Hasbrouck Zimm, received his B. A., M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Columbia University and is a research chemist, at present with Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Mrs. Zimm is trustee of the Ulster County Historical Society, president of the Woodstock Memorial Society, a director of the Woodstock Memorial Association, corresponding member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Registrar of the Descendants of New Paltz Patentees, and has done professional genealogical work for many years. She is a member of the genealogical staff of the Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc.

JOSEPH WILLIAM EMSLEY—Joseph William Emsley, a reporter for the Poughkeepsie "New Yorker," daily newspaper at Poughkeepsie, and the author of the

Dutchess County section of this history, has been active in the newspaper field since 1924.

He was born in Methuen, Massachusetts, January 29, 1899, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Emsley, his father having engaged in the real estate and insurance business. His parents were born in England, coming to this country shortly after their marriage.

Mr. Emsley was educated in the public schools of Methuen, Massachusetts, Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, which he attended as a day student for one year, and Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, from which he was graduated, with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree, in 1924.

He began newspaper work the same year with the Providence "Journal and Bulletin," and was connected with the morning and afternoon papers of the Journal company for three years before going to Poughkeepsie. His work with the Providence publications included work in the Pawtucket, Rhode Island, branch office.

Having been employed continuously since 1927 with the Poughkeepsie "New Yorker," and a predecessor newspaper, "The Evening Star," of Poughkeepsie, Mr. Emsley has specialized in city and Dutchess County news, particularly in the political field.

He has written numerous articles of local historical interest for the local newspapers, and is a member of the Dutchess County Historical Society. He is a member of the Poughkeepsie University Club.

Mr. Emsley was married on May 11, 1929, to Anna O. Braig, a native of Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York, and the couple have two children, Alice Jane, twelve, and Joseph W., Jr., ten. They own their home in Poughkeepsie.

A. ELWOOD CORNING—The Rev. A. Elwood Corning is descended from Colonial and Revolutionary ancestors of prominence. His grandfather of the seventh preceding generation, Samuel Corning, was one of the founders and a selectman of the town of Beverly, Massachusetts. He gave a parcel of land upon which to build the Congregational Church of that community, being one of its organizers. Documents bearing his signature dating back to the middle 1600s are extant. Mr. Corning's immediate paternal forebears ultimately settled in New York City, where his father, William Burtis Corning, was born; his mother was a niece of Commodore Vanderbilt Erastus Corning, of Albany, Congressman and president of the New York Central Railroad was a collateral member of the family.

On the maternal side, Mr. Corning's great-grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Beniah Young Morse, cousin of the inventor of the telegraph, was a Latin and Greek scholar. After his retirement from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, he taught these subjects, also English, in a Young Woman's Seminary, at which period he prepared an English grammar. He assisted his cousins,

Sidney Edwards and Richard Cary Morse, in founding the New York "Observer," long an influential religious journal.

Captain Samuel Delavan, great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served throughout the American War for Independence, and had the distinction, as head of the Westchester County Light Horse, of escorting General Washington and Governor George Clinton into the city of New York on Evacuation Day, November 25, 1783.

Before his academic days were completed Mr. Corning had joined the New York Board of Education Lecture Staff and became its youngest lecturer. He also at this time was connected with several literary bureaus. In his college preparatory days he won several prizes for oratory, and at twenty delivered a Fourth of July address by which he won wide recognition as a speaker of force and eloquence. Later he read law, but finding the legal phase of life uncongenial he turned to newspaper and magazine writing. Later, taking up the study of theology under the direction of Congregational Church leaders, with courses in Union Theological Seminary, Mr. Corning was ordained to the Christian ministry in the historic Congregational Church at Blooming Grove, New York, of which he was pastor for nearly sixteen years, and whose history he wrote.

In his early literary career Mr. Corning became editor of several periodicals, among which was "The Spirit of '76," and at one time he was editor-in-chief of a weekly newspaper in Virginia. On his return from the South, having written editorials favoring the National Progressive movement under the leadership of his friend, Theodore Roosevelt, Mr. Corning was nominated for State Senator for the then Twenty-fifth Senatorial District of the State of New York by the National Progressive Party. Two years later he declined a second nomination, which, with the proffer of Democratic support, held a better chance of success. He returned, however, to the Republican fold, and began to write on historical and political subjects.

Among the Rev. Mr. Corning's published books are a life of Will Carleton, of farm ballad fame, with whom Mr. Corning was associated editorially; a biography of William McKinley; a monograph of Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State in the Grant administration; a history of the Blooming Grove Congregational Church; "Washington at Temple Hill," a history of the Hudson Valley during the Revolutionary War; a brochure of verse, and numerous published articles of a religious and historical nature. Many of his hymns have been set to music. His articles have appeared in the New York "Herald Tribune," New York "Times," New York "Sun" and the Brooklyn "Eagle." For the past ten years Mr. Corning has written a daily column along historical lines for the Newburgh and Beacon "News." He has in preparation a historical novel, the background of which is the Revo-



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A. Elwood Corning





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lutionary period, and is also at work on another historical work, entitled, "The Last Phase of the War for American Independence," upon which he is considered an authority.

In February, 1933, Mr. Corning took the initiative in calling together other historically-minded persons for the purpose of organizing an association to rehabilitate the last encampment ground of the American Revolutionary Army, three and a half miles southwest of Newburgh on the Hudson, to build a replica of the famous Temple, in which General George Washington faced one of the most crucial tests of his entire career, and to establish an institute for the study of diplomacy. This meeting resulted in the formation of the National Temple Hill Association, Inc., of which Mr. Corning has been president since its inception. He also is past president of the State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; past chaplain of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution; past president of the Newburgh Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; past president of the Patriotic Societies of Newburgh; a former director and at present a trustee of the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands; a member of the board of trustees of Washington's Headquarters, Newburgh; and a department patron of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., Department of New York. He also holds honorary memberships in the Dutchess and Putnam County Historical Societies.

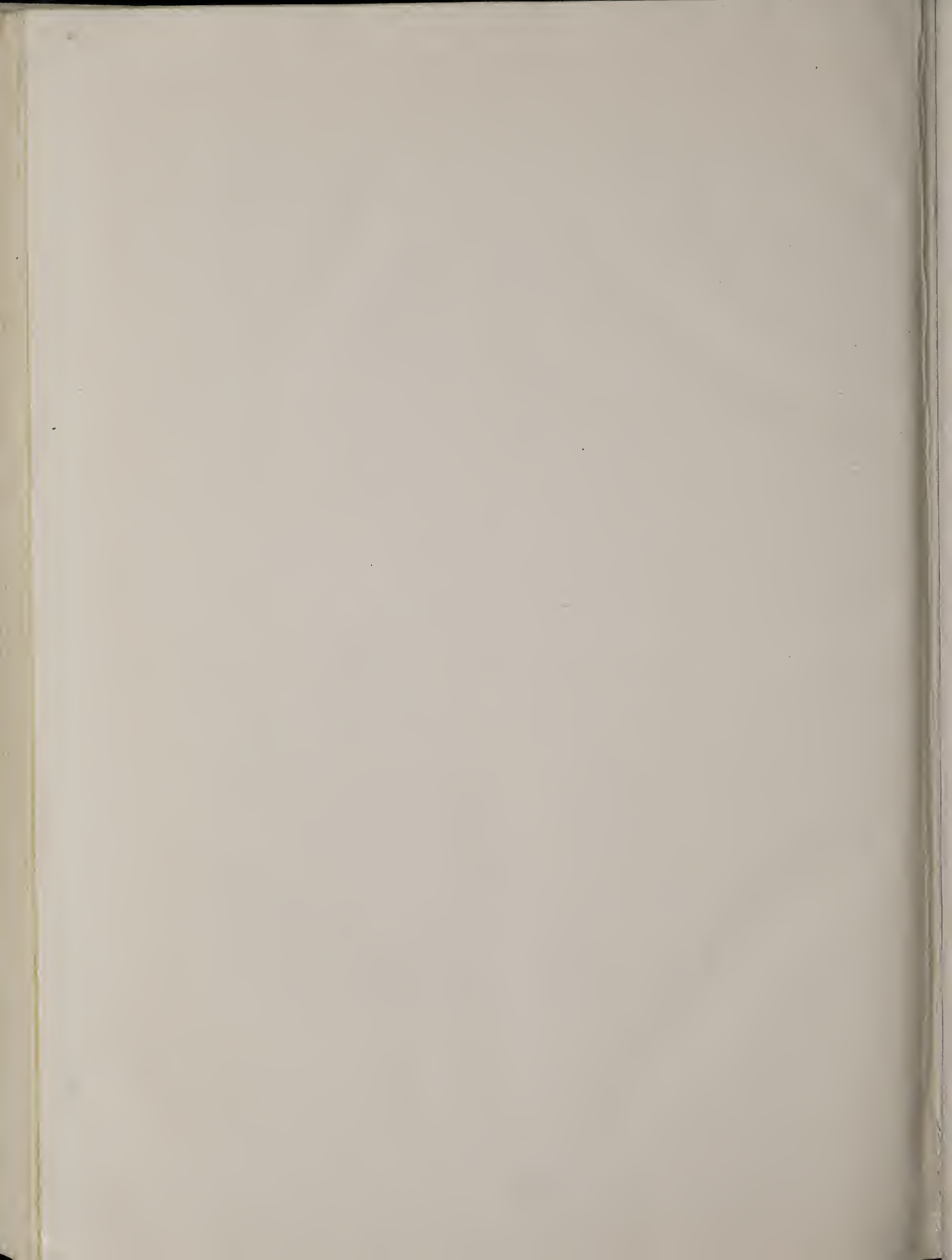
WILLITT CARPENTER JEWELL—Willitt Carpenter Jewell, publisher of "The Putnam County Courier" and author of the Putnam County section of this history, has been in the newspaper business since 1913. He was born in Carmel October 23, 1889, and has always resided there. He is a son of Willitt Francis and Adah Emily (Smalley) Jewell. His father was born May 5, 1863, in Carmel, to which place his parents had removed in 1862 from Irvington, Westchester County, where the family had lived as early as 1701, according to the pension application of John Jewell in 1833. Willitt C. Jewell is the fifth in direct line of descent from John Jewell, whose service in the Revolutionary War was of four years' duration. The grandfather, William Jewell, operated a carriage factory, in which Willitt F. Jewell worked as a youth, and after reaching his majority became a teacher of music, an organist and a piano tuner. He was thus engaged until his death on February 27, 1906. His widow was born April 2, 1866, the youngest

daughter of James J. and Emily Philips Smalley, and is now living in Carmel. Mr. Smalley was the Democratic leader of Putnam County for several years, held various offices and conducted the Smalley Hotel which continued to carry his name after his death for more than seventy-five years.

In 1906, Willitt C. Jewell was graduated from the Carmel High School and in 1910 from Cooper Union, which awarded him the Bachelor of Science degree. He was employed by the United Electric Light & Power Company, and the New York Telephone Company in New York City, until 1913, when he turned to journalism, becoming connected with "The Putnam County Courier."

On March 26, 1913, Mr. Jewell was married in Carmel to Frances Ethel Grant, who was born in Plattsburg, New York, October 24, 1889. She was graduated from the Drew Seminary for Young Women at Carmel, afterward studying music at Syracuse University, and while at college became a member of Pi Beta Phi, a national fraternity. Her father, William Lewis Grant, was also born in Plattsburg and served in the Civil War. He is deceased and the mother, Susan Mahala (Orvis) Grant, a native of Bangor, New York, has likewise passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have one daughter, Dorothy Grant, who like her mother, is a graduate of Drew Seminary, a student of music and at present associated with her father in the newspaper business. Mrs. Jewell's paternal grandmother was Sarah Ann Doty, a direct descendant of Edward Doty, of the "Mayflower."

Mr. Jewell is a trustee and member of the Drew Methodist Church at Carmel, treasurer of the board of trustees, a director and secretary of the Raymond Hill Cemetery of Carmel, a charter member and secretary of the Carmel Fire Department, since its organization in 1915. In politics Mr. Jewell is a Democrat and has served as secretary of the county committee of the party, was the party's candidate for county clerk in 1917 and for supervisor of Carmel in 1919. He served two years as clerk of the board of supervisors in 1918 and 1919 and in 1920 was appointed sealer of weights and measures of Putnam County, standing first on the eligible civil service list, and is still serving in that capacity. He was a member of the board of education of the Carmel High School for seven years and also served as secretary of the chamber of commerce of Putnam County and the Putnam County Planning and Development Commission during its four years of existence, in which time an extensive improved road program was completed in Putnam County.



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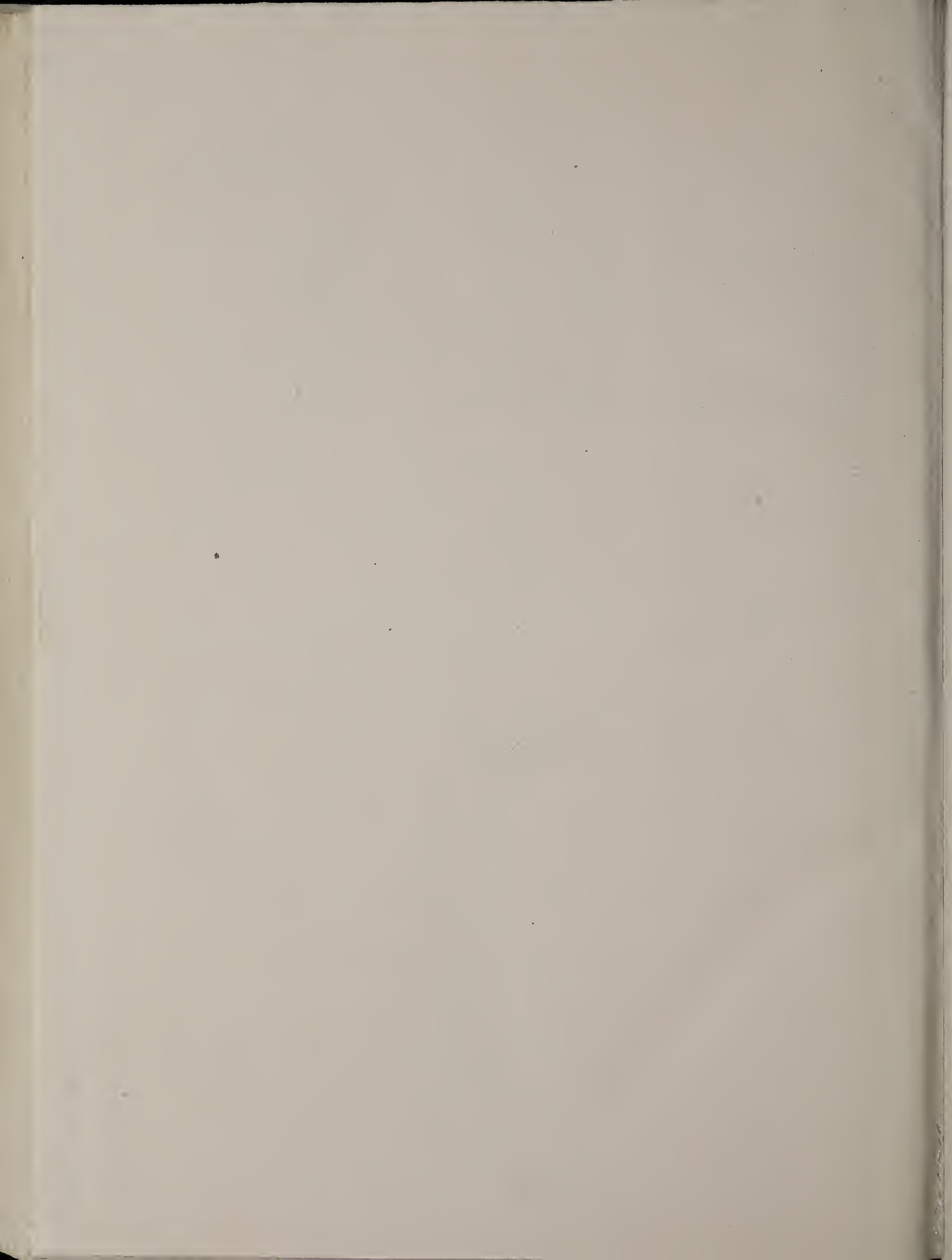
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